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FOR NEW ENGLAND



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To Richmond monthly Meeting of friends
 Stephen Wheeler having moved within the
 limits of your Meeting, this is to certify on his
 behalf, that he is a member of our Society,
 has settled his outward affairs to Satisfaction,
 and is clear of marriage engagements amongst
 us as far as appears, as such we recommend him
 to your Christian care and oversight.

Signed on behalf of Bolton monthly meeting
 held the 29th of 11th mo 1820

By Thomas Fry Clark

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends, held
 on Rhode Island for New-England, from
 the 10th to the 13th of the Sixth Month
 inclusive 1821.

The following report of the School Committee
 being read was accepted & the Clerk directed
 to forward copies thereof to our several
 Quarterly & Monthly Meetings.

Extracted from the minutes of a Meeting

Abraham Shearman, Clerk,
 To The Yearly Meeting

The Boarding School Committee report,
 that the School is still continued under the
 care of Matthew and Betsey Purinton
 as Superintendents and Thomas Howland
 Stephen A. Chace and Abigail Peirce
 as Instructors. The number of Children at
 the Institution for the past year has
 averaged about Seventy-five for the whole year.

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Meetings for worship have been continued as previous^{ly} established. The family has been preserved in harmony and the concerns of the Institution generally so conducted as to afford continued promises of usefulness. By the accounts of the Superintendent it appears that the expences of the family have been paid by the receipts for board & tuition and that the Institution is now free from debt. Most of the Monthly Meetings have availed themselves of the privilege given last year of Sending one Child to the Institution for the Space of Six months, and such as have not availed themselves of it, viz; Seabrook, Sandwich N. H. Wintham, Sidney and Harlem, are now considered at liberty to Send one Child each twelve months provided they conclude so to do within Six months from this date, and such monthly Meetings as have availed themselves of the privilege have the liberty of Sending a Child each Six months of the ensuing year; or if preferred by any Monthly Meetings they may Send two Children three months each. The Committee having noticed with concern that as respects plainness of dress their recommendations in minutes forwarded to the different Monthly Meeting has not in divers instances been attended to. think that usefulness may result from bringing their minutes of 2nd mo 1819 before the yearly Meeting that it may again be forwarded to the Monthly Meetings under its sanction. Samuel Rodman signed on behalf of the Committee Dorcas Brower
Providence 4th mo 4th 1821

Extracted from the minutes of the yearly
Meetings of the Boarding School Committee.

Providence 3rd of 2nd mo. 1819

It has appeared necessary from experience
since the opening of this Institution that
more general circumspection should be
extended in sending Children to the School
conformable to the recommendation in the
printed Circular of the 12th Mo. last. and
to preserve the order necessary to carry the
object of the yearly Meeting into more
complete effect it is recommended that
each Monthly Meeting appoint a few suitable
Friends to whom application may be made
by Parents & Guardians of Children who are
desirous of placing them at the School, that
the friends so appointed consider it their
duty not only to enjoin that the Children
come in a plain dress and in the use of
the plain Scripture language but that
they are of good habits, and that they
give a few lines to that import for the
information of the Superintendents and
Instructors at the School

Samuel Proctorman Clerk

At a Meeting of the Boarding School

Committee held at Newport 14th of 6^{mo} 1821

It was concluded that the Meeting of
the School Committee at the School
house be held the same as last year

Wk. on the 5th day of the week following the Quarterly Meeting of Rhode Island, in the 2nd and 4th months at the 10th hour in the morning and the 8th and 11th months at the 2nd hour in the afternoon - and that an annual Meeting of the Committee be held at Newport on the day following the Close of the yearly Meeting at the 8th hour in the Morning. That the acting Committee meet at the School house on the third day after the last fifth day in each month at the 10th hour in the morning -

It was also concluded that the five Monthly Meetings mentioned in the report to the yearly Meeting who have the privilege of Sending a Child each for twelve months be at liberty if forepersed by them to send each of them two Children six months

[this last minute need only to be read in the meeting to which it has reference]

Extracted from the minutes of the Committee

Samuel Rodman Clerk

To Stillwater Monthly Meeting of Friends
in Ohio Dear Friends.

Several years ago Aaron Harkness moved from us and now we are informed that he resides within the limits of your meeting and requests our Certificate, this is to certify on his behalf that he is a member of our Society of an orderly life and conversation when with us has settled his outward affairs to Satisfaction and is Clear of marriage engagements as far as appears.

as such we recommend him to your
Christian Care and Oversight,

Signed on behalf of the Richmond monthly
meeting N. H. held 9th mo 20th 1821

By Eliza Harkness Clerk

Sarah Basset Clerk

Marriage Certificate of Silsbe Wetherell
and Delphin Thomas

Silsbe Wetherell of Ware, son of John
Wetherell of Ware in the County of Hamp-
shire and Commonwealth of Massachusetts
and Anna his wife deceased, and Delphin
Thomas daughter of Jeremiah Thomas of
Ware in the County of Hampshire and
Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Lydia
his wife; having declared their intentions
taking each other in marriage before
the monthly Meeting of the People
called Quakers in Richmond, according to
the good order used among them;
their proceedings after due enquiry and
deliberate consideration thereof, were allowed
by the said meeting; they appearing clear
of all others, and having consent of her
Parents. Now these are to Certify to all whom
it may concern that for the full accomplish-
ment of their said intention, this twenty-
third day of the ninth month in the year of
our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
twentyone,

They the said Silsbe Wetherell and Delphia Thomas appeared at a public assembly of the aforesaid people and others, in their meeting house in Richmond, and he the said Silsbe Wetherell taking the said Delphia Thomas by the hand, did openly declare as followeth: "Friends I take this my friend Delphia Thomas to be my wife, promising through divine assistance, to be unto her a loving and faithfull husband untill it shall please the Lord by death to separate us." And the said Delphia Thomas did then and there in like manner declare as followeth:

"Friends, I take this my friend Silsbe Wetherell to be my husband, promising through divine assistance to be unto him a loving and faithfull wife, untill it shall please the Lord by death to separate us." [or words of the like import] And they the said Silsbe Wetherell and Delphia Thomas as a further confirmation thereof have hereunto set their hands, she after the custom of marriage adopting the name of her husband.

and we whose names are hereunto
 Subscribed being present with others
 at the solemnization of their said
 marriage as witnesses thereunto set
 our hands the day & year above written,

Eleaz Taft	Phoebe Allen
Elijah Harkness	Frederic Lovett
Nathan Harkness	Susanna Harkness
Elisha Harkness	Ruth Bassett
David Randall	Molly Randall
Moses Allen jr.	Elvira Cheever

A Testimony of the denial of Thomas Boyce
From our Monthly Meeting of friends held
at Richmond the 24th of 1st mo 1822.

Whereas Thomas Boyce hath had a right
of membership amongst us. But by an in-
tention to the dictates of Wisdom he hath
deviated from our principles in several
respects, hath much neglected the atten-
dance of our meetings hath contracted
and consummated marriage with one not
of our Society for which he hath
been laboured with without the desired
effect we have therefore disowned unity with
him as a member untill he return and
make satisfaction.

Signed in and by direction of the above
Said Meeting, by Elipha Harkness Clk
From our Yearly Meeting held in London
by adjournments from the 24th of 5th mo
to the 5th of the 6th mo 1820 inclusive
To the Yearly Meeting of friends for
New-England
Dear Friends.

Your brotherly epistle of

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6th mo of last year has met our cordial
acceptance and although far separated from
you outwardly yet united in the close bond
of religious fellowship we cherish and we
would express a desire for the maintenance
by you as well as by us of a steady exercise
that we may be unitedly gathered into
that one Spirit of our Holy Head and High
Priest Christ Jesus, in which preservation
from the many snares and temptations
assailing us may be happily experienced
whereby also we may attain to a clear
perception of our respective duties and
receive a capacity to discharge them,
to the furtherance of His glorious cause
and our own substantial peace. Amongst
these duties an important one as we have
at this time felt it to be, is the ^{ing}conduct
in a right spirit of the concerns of our
religious Society. A travail has been experi-
enced amongst us that all our Meetings
for the Service of Truth, may be held
under a sense of that Power in which
they were at first established

and that the minds of those who take part in the business that comes before these meetings, yea, that the minds of all who attend them may be kept in humble reliance on the wisdom that is from above— we have been made renewedly sensible that our own wisdom and the unsolicited activity of our own spirits far from promoting, will tend greatly to obstruct the right exercise of the Discipline and will thus not only be of disservice as respects others but will with regard to ourselves have the sorrowful effect of leaving us destitute of that Strength and Comfort which if a state of inward watchfulness be maintained is often mercifully vouchsafed—

It is with much satisfaction we learn that as a result of the Concern long felt by friends in your yearly Meeting for the guarded education of youth a Boarding School under your care has been lately opened—

To us in this country we have good ground to believe that benefits truly important have arisen from institutions of the like kind, and we trust that by the careful and judicious management of this which you have established, you also may be permitted to experience extensive and lasting advantages. Adverting to your notice of the desire expressed by this Meeting in a former Epistle that none in the present Season of outward peace might be entangled in the love of temporal things, our attention is drawn to the trials and difficulties which have been of late experienced by so many in the concerns of this life at a time when from the return of rational tranquility a fair and encouraging prospect had seemed to open.

If dear friends with you as well as with us the resources of trade and commerce may in numerous instances fail of yielding their accustomed supplies, and difficulties of various kinds be in consequence widely felt. Let us bear in remembrance that these trials if we rightly profit by them may have an effect in

in weaning the mind from an undue
 attachment to worldly pursuits and
 in setting its affections on things above.
 We have had at this Meeting the acceptable
 company of our dear friend Stephen Grellet
 from your Continent and received an
 interesting account of the religious Services
 of himself and his companion William Allen
 in their late extensive visit in Russia and
 many other Countries, by which we are
 confirmed in the persuasion that in the
 hearts of many, in Nations far & near
 the Lord is magnifying his law and
 making it honourable; even the Law of
 the Spirit of Life. In this belief we have
 had to rejoice and our minds have
 been measurable expanded with a sense
 of the universal Love of God in Christ
 Jesus our Lord, in a feeling of which
 Love we bid you farewell and remain
 Your friends & Brethren

Signed in and on behalf of the Meeting
 by Josiah Foster Clerk of the
 Meetings This Year

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The Epistle from the Yearly Meeting held
in London by adjournments, from the 23rd of
the fifth month to the 2nd of the Sixth month
inclusive 1821,

To the Quarterly and monthly meetings of
Friends, in Great Britain Ireland and ^{where} else—
Dear Friends,

In grateful acknowledgment to the
Author of all our mercies we inform you
that He has condescended to grant us the
renewed evidence of his love and to afford us
a continuance of that divine regard which
has been graciously extended in many former
Yearly Meetings. Under its invigorating influence
we offer you our cordial Salutation desiring
that the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
may have free course among you.

The blessings which the Christian dispensa-
tion places within the reach of the faithful
and Obedient even in this life and the hope

which it affords ^{them} in the prospect of
 futurity. are strong incitements to
 religion and virtue. But beloved
 friends let us never forget that the
 gift of eternal life will not be ours
 unless we yield to the convictions of
 the Spirit of Christ in our hearts
 surrender our wills to its guidance and
 by thus walking in the light come to
 know his blood to cleanse us from all sin.

To bear the cross to be redeemed from the
 Spirit and friendship of this world are
 indispensably necessary in the Christian Charac^{ter}.
 Be persuaded then we entreat you to press
 after that holiness, without which no man
 can see the Lord. If this be the principal
 object of our lives; if by endeavoring day
 by day to fulfill the first and great Com-
 mandment our affections are turned to God
 then may we in humble trust,

Commit ourselves as into the hands of a faithful Creator. Then Shall we be preserved from an inordinate pursuit of the things of this life, we Shall escape the many Sorrows with which those pierce themselves through who make haste to be rich Such as have but little outward Substance may enjoy it with Cheerfulness & Contentment and if from Circumstances not within their Control reverses or disappointments occur to any they will be prepared to meet their trials without Selfcondemnation.

If we are really concerned to look into our own hearts if we do not enough bear in remembrance that our inner thoughts are before by the allpenetrating eye of God we Shall be sensible that there ought to be no relaxation in the great duty of watchfulness unto prayer. The frequent recurrence of this conviction will be highly beneficial. It will lead us to look to a higher Power than our own faculties to enable us to work out our Salvation or to aid in promoting the Lord's work in the earth. At the same time an increase from a continued Sense of the Lord's unmeasured

goodness will animate us to serve Him in the performance of our allotted duties in civil and religious Society in doing good to our neighbours or in the concerns of the Church. Then will there be a constant reference to Him who has qualified for the work we shall in reality seek no honour one from another but by our lives as well as by our words ascribe all to Him to whom it is due.

It is equally the duty of all our members to measure in their daily walk through life to act consistently with their Christian profession. It is a serious reflection for us to make that our conduct may in the eyes of our associates either adorn or dishonour the principles which we profess. Our views are silent waiting upon God in religious meetings, our belief that pure gospel ministry ought to be exercised from the immediate influence of the Holy Spirit our testimony to the meek and peaceable nature of the religion of Jesus and our non-observance of outward ordinances originate in a conviction that the dispensation of the gospel is a spiritual dispensation. This our religious profession is a loud call upon us for great circumspection of conduct and deep inward retirement before the Lord.

And whilst we are persuaded that these precious testimonies are founded upon the precepts and Spirit of the gospel we believe and we desire especially to press this sentiment upon our younger friends just setting out in life that we are at no time more qualified to bear them than when we have the ornament of a meek and quiet Spirit and are willing to suffer for the name of Christ.

In passing from a state of nature to a state of grace the cross to our natural inclinations must be taken up the way of self-denial must be pursued. But if this be done with that faith which produces a reliance on the Holy aid of him who has trodden the path of suffering before us, a cheerful dedication brings its own reward, the consolations which abound associate us to perseverance. One of the blessed effects of thus expiring after holiness of life is an increase of true love. This Christian virtue so expands and gladdens the heart that its possessor having known its value will be on the watch against any thing that may tend to disturb it, he will strive to yield to its influence when causes of irritation present themselves. Even when he seems himself injured he will be the more prepared to display the beauty of

condescension, and, for the preservation of
love and harmony, to relinquish his own
right, and to refrain from insisting on his
own views. He will be so guarded in his
conversation as not to take pleasure in
discussing or the errors of his neighbour,
aware that by so doing he might deprive
himself of one means of correcting the
faults which he may have observed.

Instead of contributing to kindle the flame of
dissension and variance, by speaking to others
on the existence of these hurtful things
he will be vigilant in his attempts
to extinguish the sparks, by the power
of persuasion and love.

We have received acceptable epistolary commu-
nications from our friends in Ireland, and
from the annual yearly meetings on the
American continent.

The sufferings of our members in Great Britain
and Ireland, in consequence of their refusal
to pay tithes, and other demands of an ecclesiastical
nature, and from a few districts of a military
kind, have been in usual course reported to
this meeting. The amount is upwards of
fifteen thousand six hundred pounds.

The important duty which devolves on
parents to train up their children in the

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mature in education of the Lord, has
been afresh brought into view. In the
earliest periods of life, much of their con-
tacts with the world, and we desire that
in all cases their pious endeavours may
be strengthened by the co-operation of the
fathers. The youthful mind is very soon
susceptible of serious impressions; and we
believe that if parents are careful to seize
the most favorable opportunities, they may
instill religious truths, lay a foundation for
correct principles, and give a right bias to
the affections; which may be greatly blessed
at a later day. But in order that such atten-
-pts may have their due effect, precept must
be accompanied by example. The safe ground
on which parents can proceed, is to live
and to wait before the throne of grace,
as to be enabled to pour forth their secret
prayers for the blessing of the most High.
Then, instead of looking back with bitter regret
if their beloved offspring should deviate from
the path of Christian virtue, they may
commemorate their cause with conscious integ-
-rity to Him whom they have desired to serve.
Our hearts have been afresh warmed with des-
ires for the good of our dear younger friends;
indeed it seldom or never happens but that
when thus assembled, we feel deeply interested
for their eternal well being.

We have been comforted in the company
 of many of these, and we again invite all
 of this class to watch the visitation of divine
 love, and unreservedly to give their hearts
 to its influence. We would also encourage
 our elder brethren and sisters to extend a
 tender care over this interesting portion of the
 family, for their good to warn them of the
 slippery paths in which they themselves
 have walked, to invite them to follow the
 footsteps of the flock of Christ, and with a
 kind, parental, yet prudent hand, to cultivate
 the growth of the good seed in their hearts.

Hab x. 11 "Now the God of peace, that brought again from
 the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd
 of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting
 covenant, make you perfect in every good work
 to do his will, working in you that which
 is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus
 Christ; to whom be glory forever & ever."

Signed in and on behalf of the meeting
 by Josiah Foster
 Clerk to the meeting
 this year

To Richmond Monthly Meeting of Friends 85

Dear Friends

Peregreen Wheeler Requested a

Certificate to enable him to proceed in Marriage with Rhoda Randall this may certify on his behalf that he is a Member of our Society and appears clear of all others therefore he is left at liberty to accomplish his intention according to the order used among us.

Given forth at our Monthly Meeting at
Botton the 24th of 4th Mo 1822. —

Thomas Fry Clerk

Marriage Certificate of Peregreen
Wheeler and Rhoda Randall

Peregreen Wheeler of Berlin son of Levi
Wheeler of Berlin in the County of Worcester
and State of Massachusetts and Mary his
wife deceased and Rhoda Randall daughter
of Reuben Randall of Richmond in the
County of Cheshire and State of New-
hamshire and Molly his wife, having
declared their intentions of taking each
other in marriage before the Monthly
Meeting of the people called Quakers in
Richmond County and State aforesaid
according to the good order used among
us, their proceedings after due enquiry and
deliberate consideration thereof were allowed
by the s^d Meeting they appearing clear
of all others and having consent of parents

36. Now these are to Certify to all whom it
may concern that for the full accomplish-
ishment of their s.^d intentions this Twenty
fourth day of the fifth Month in the year
of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred
and Twenty Two. They the s.^d Peregreen
Wheeler and Rhoda Randall appeared
at a Public assembly of the afore said
People and others in their Meeting house
in Richmond County and State afores.
In the s.^d Peregreen Wheeler taking the s.^d
Rhoda Randall by the hand did openly
declare as followeth, Friends I take this my
Friend Rhoda Randall to be my wife pro-
mising through divine assistance to be un-
to her a loving and faithful husband until
it shall please the Lord by death to sepa-
rate us, and the said Rhoda Randall did
then and there in like manner declare as
followeth Friends I take this my friend
Peregreen Wheeler to be my husband pro-
mising through divine assistance to be
unto him a loving and faithful Wife
until it shall please the Lord ^{by death} to separate
us or words of the like import.
and the said Peregreen Wheeler and Rhoda
Randall as a further Confirmation thereof
have hereunto set their hands & he after
the Custom of Marriage accepting the
Name of her husband Peregreen Wheeler
Rhoda R Wheeler

And we whose names are hereunto subscribed
being present with others at the solemnization
of their said Marriage as witnesses their unto
set our hands the day and year above
written

Elizabeth Harkness	Lucy Harkness
Cheser Harkness	Betsy Harkness
Nathan Randall	Molly Randall
Levi Randall	Hannah Randall
Amos Wheeler	Judith Buffum
Stephen Randall	Rhoda Buffum
Peregrine Wheeler	Mary Randall
David Randall	Betsy Howe
Esch Buffum	Huldah Randall
Benjamin Randall Jr	Mary Mordick
Levi Wheeler	
Benjamin Crocker	
Levi Randall Jr	

To Richmond Monthly Meeting

Dear Friends Peter Fowler a Minor having
removed from us to reside within the limits of
your Meeting. We hereby certify that he is a
Member of our Society as such we recommend
him to your Christian Care.

Signed by order of Northbridge Monthly Meeting
held at Northbridge 6th Mo 29th 1821.

By Jonathan M Shove Clerk

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From our Yearly Meeting of Friends held on
Wharfedale, for Friend England from the 16th to the 20th
of the Sixth Month inclusive 1822:
To the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings here to
Belonging Dear Friends

Having been dipped into an exercise for the
wellfare of the body a concern has arisen to address
the Members of this Yearly Meeting on account
of various deficiencies which appear in the reports to
the Meeting this year concerning some of our Chris-
tian Testimonies. Among these, is that of attending
our religious meetings, the neglect of which we have
reason to believe tends to poverty in all those who
decline the practice of assembling with their
brethren for the purpose of religious worship.
We likewise observe with sorrow that our Testimony
respecting the use of spiritous liquors is in divers
instances disregarded by members of our Society, there-
by exposing themselves to many snares and tempt-
ations if not to irretrievable Misery.

We believe that many of those weaknesses and
deviations which exist among us are introduced
by giving way to a worldly spirit, and have
their foundation in this, for to be carnally minded
is death." May we therefore, dear Friends, endeavor
above all things to seek an increasing acquain-
tance with the God of our lives, by often retir-
ing to and waiting upon him, whereby we
may feel his spirit to help our infirmities,
and teach us what to pray for.

As this becomes our frequent practice it will B I
promote it will ~~promote~~ love to the brethren hence
to wean us from an undue attachment to the things
of this world, and strengthen us to overcome those
things that have wily beset us, in this estate our
religious meetings will be made precious to us, and
we shall not be easily hindered from assembling
with our brethren; we shall become desirous of
exhibiting, a good example; and shall know
a being qualified to unite with others to labor
in the spirit of meekness and wisdom, with those
who may be found departing from the Testimo-
nies which we as a society are called to bear.
And we have felt particularly desirous, that
Overseers and other concerned Ministers, in all our
Monthly Meetings, may seasonably and faith-
fully labor, for the restoration and preservat-
ion of all our members, ^{Carefully} cultivating a spirit of
love and unity; leaving in mind that there
are essential qualifications availingly to labor
with those who may be found departing from
our religious Testimonies.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the
Meeting aforesaid Abraham Shearman

At our yearly Meeting, held as aforesaid 6th Mo
1822 the following minute of this Meeting, of
the year 1706, being considered, is revived, and
and directed to be forwarded to the quarterly and
Monthly Meetings that it may be entered on
our Books of discipline viz -

40-At a yearly Meeting of Friends. held on
Rhodisland, the 18th of the 4th Mo 1706: It is the
Judgement of this Meeting, that no person that
is out of unity with Friends; or under dealing
of Friends for any miscarriage, ought to be suffered
to sit in Meetings of business nor their collections
to be received, but be desired to withdraw from
Such Meetings, untill such time as they give
Satisfaction for such their miscarriage."

At a yearly Meeting of Friends, held on Rhode-
Island, for Newengland, from the 16th to the 20th of
the sixth Month inclusive, 1822:

The following Report of the Boarding School Com-
mittee being read, is accepted and copies directed
to be forwarded to our several Quarterly and Mon-
thly Meetings

From the Minutes of S.D. Meeting

Abraham Shearman Jr Clerk

To The Yearly Meeting

The Boarding School Committee report
that they have continued their care in the con-
cerns of that institution, which have been so
conducted as to meet their approbation.

Matthew and Betsy Warrington still exercise the
care of superintendants, and Isaiah Jones Samuel
B. Tolly Abigail Pearce and Sarah Lockwood
are employed as instructors. Thomas Wilbur
has been usefully employed a part of the past year
in the same station. The improvement made
by the Children committed to their care

has been such as to afford us encouragement. 21

Meetings have been kept up as at first established, and they are generally attended by some of the Committee, the superintendents, Teachers and other Members of the family appear to live in harmony and a greater degree of health has been witnessed than in any previous year. The average number of scholars has been about seventy five. The receipts for board and tuition continue to meet the expenditures. The situation of the funds is such as to enable the Committee again to admit one scholar from each Monthly Meeting six Months or two scholars three Months each free of expense.

They feel it incumbent upon them to suggest to Monthly Meetings that judicious selections in these cases are of importance; it having been found by experience that such as have had some opportunities for previous improvement have not only made greater proficiency, than where it has been otherwise, but such upon their return home have been usefully employed as instructors in smaller schools; thereby rendering the Institution more extensively beneficial.

Signed on behalf of the Committee
A. Shearman Jr.

Providence 5th mo 3 1822 Mary B. Allen.

42 To Richmond Monthly Meeting
Dear Friends James Southwick a Miner having
removed to live with his parents within
the limits of your Meeting, this may certify
that he is a Member of our Society as
such we recommend him to your Chris-
tian Care

Signed on behalf of Northbridge Monthly Meeting
held at Northbridge 27th of 9th Mo 1822

By Jonathan M. Shaw Clerk

A Certificate of Removal for Elisha Harkness
From our Monthly Meeting of Friends
held at Richmond Mass.
To Northbridge Monthly Meeting, Dear Friends
Elisha Harkness and Lucy his wife having
removed to the Town of Worcester in the
compass of your Meeting and requested our
Certificate these are to certify on their
behalf that they are members of our Meet-
ing and their lives and conversation have
been orderly amongst us and have settled
their outward affairs to Satisfaction as
far as appears and as such we recommend
them to your Christian Care
Given forth at our Monthly Meeting held
19th of the 6th mo 1823
Signed by direction of S. Huling, Elisha Harkness & Lucy
Sarah Bassett

A Testimony of the denials of Enock & 3
Boice.

From our Monthly Meeting held at
Richmond the 19th of the 6th mo. 1828

Whereas Enock Boice hath had a right
of membership amongst us but he hath
gone counter to our professed principles in several
respects viz he hath much neglected the
attendance of our Meetings departed from
plainness of language and a liberal and
hath married to one not of our Society
for which he hath been laboured with but
not the desired effect we therefore disown
unity with him as a member untill he
return and make Satisfaction

Signed in and by direction of the above
said Meeting. By Elijah Harkness

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Dart-
mouth 27 of 5th mo 1818 to the Monthly Meeting of
Friends held at Richmond State of New Hampshire

Dear Friends James H Wetherell hath removed to
live at Southhampton within the compass of
your Meeting and requested our Certificate this
may Certify that he is a member of our Society
of an orderly life and Conversation that he hath sett-
led his outward affairs to satisfaction and is clear
of Marriage engagements amongst us as far as
appears we recommend him to your Brotherly
Care and attention

Signed on behalf of the Monthly Meeting

James Tucker }
Sarah Wood } Clerk

44 The London Epistle for 1822

From the Yearly Meeting held in London by adjournments from the 22^d of the fifth Mo. to the 31st of the same inclusive 1822.

To the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings of Friends Great Britain Ireland and elsewhere.

Dear Friends

We have again to acknowledge the unmerited mercy of our heavenly Father. We have been sensible of a renewal of our strength from him the inexhaustible source of good in which we have been united one unto another and have felt the current of Christian love to flow to all our dear brethren and sisters. Our beloved elder friends both present and absent living in different parts of the nation who love the truth and who have through the course of many years endeavoured faithfully to serve their Creator are brought near unto us in the fellowship of the everlasting gospel. We desire that it may please the Lord to comfort and strengthen them in their declining years that he who has been their morning light may be their evening song.

We have at this time been renewedly convinced that the gathering and establishing of our religious society was not the effect of human wisdom. It pleased the Lord by the powerful influence of his eternal word on the hearts of our faithful predecessors to prepare them to receive the truth in the love of it. They consulted not with flesh and blood but obeyed the heavenly call they were strengthened to bear with firmness and meekness the scoffs and persecutions and imprisonments to which they were subjected in supporting their religious testimonies

they sought not the praise of men but the appro-
 bation of God, believing that their views of the design
 in the coming of Christ and of the nature of his
 dispensation were confirmed, ^{to} their understanding
 by the power of his Spirit they suffered freely and
 cheerfully for his name. Their patience and forti-
 tude and their firm reliance on the Lord alone
 for deliverance from the hands of their persecutors
 gave clear proof of their sincerity, ultimately sec-
 ured a free and undisturbed profession of their
 religious principles. and it has been under the
 influence of the same Almighty power that we
 have been preserved a united religious body and
 that these testimonies have been faithfully con-
 veyed amongst us from generation to generation. the gre-
 at truths of the Christian doctrine are of individual
 application and we feel it to be our duty to press
 upon all our members closely to examine each for
 himself how far he is building on Christ the sure
 foundation. are you dear friends daily waiting in
 faith before the Lord for the gentle intimations of
 his Spirit are you with alacrity of heart yield-
 ing to the discoveries of the light of Truth and
 thus preparing the way for further manifestation
 of the divine will? it is indeed of special importan-
 ce that in the first place you seek for the aid of the
 holy Spirit to enable you to perform all the
 Commandments of Christ openly to acknowledge
 by life and conversation that you look unto him
 as your example your leader and your saviour. the
 talents with which you are intrusted and for the
 right use of which you must sooner or later
 render an account are never occupied so accep-

ably in the divine sight as when they are cheer-
fully and unreservedly devoted to the service of
and disposal of him who gave them. whenever
these talents are employed on the great truths
of redemption and other articles of the Christian
faith most surely believed amongst us let it
be done under a humbling sense of the limited
powers of the human mind and with reverence and
fear as in the divine presence then we believe
there will be abundant cause to acknowledge
the many fold blessings which the Lord has pro-
vided for all through Christ our holy redeemer.
Each of us is assailed by his peculiar temptations
Amidst the various besetments by which we are
surrounded some have to contend with a love of
money others are liable to say either to a hasty or an
ungenerous temper others to an indulgence in the fail-
ing pleasures and flatteries of the world but it is the
blessed nature of the religion of Jesus to regulate
our affections to change our hearts and to establish
us in charity meekness and self denial. Examine
your selves then daily and see whether it is your
sincere and fervent desire that the words of your
mouths and the meditations of your hearts may be
acceptable in the sight of the Lord; and that he may
be indeed your strength and your redeemer.

Beloved brethren and sisters our earnest concern for
all is that each may stand fast in the liberty where-
with Christ has made you free.

We rejoice in the belief that there are ~~many~~ more
than a few amongst us at the present day by whom
the Christian Testimonies committed to our early
Friends are felt to be a most important trust.
These are counsel to continue firm in their
respective allotments and whatever trials

They may meet with to persevere unto the end⁴⁷
It is a privilege not only to believe on Christ but also
to suffer with him this view of the subject ought
not however to exalt but to humble us. And let no
one think that he is exempt from taking his
part in the promotion of the cause of Truth: all
are not called to the same prominent station
but each has his respective duties to perform
by the due discharge of which the harmony and
strength of the body will be increased And
we believe that we are at no time more qualified
to fill up our ranks in righteousness than when we
are concerned that the Testimonies of truth
may not fall from our hands and when it is
our earnest secret prayer that our light may
so shine before men that others seeing our
good works may glorify our Father who is in heaven
Love and Charity towards others are essential
features in the religious character. They excite in
us a deep interest in the spiritual welfare of our
Friends; they prompt us to sympathise with them
in their Troubles and in real kindness to offer
a word of encouragement and to extend a hand
of help. When they are the habitual clothing
of the mind they check the first inclinations
to speak to the disadvantage of another and
induce us to consider what is our real motive in
proceeding to depreciate his character. These Chr-
istian virtues are compatible with a firm adher-
ence to our own religious principles and with a
steadfast care to observe that line of conduct
which it may be right for us to pursue They
enlarge the heart towards the whole human
race they lead us to rejoice in the extension of prin-

vital christianity, whatever may be the denomination among men by which the disciples engaged in its diffusion are designated.

Dear friends we still fear that some amongst us are to car nest in the pursuit of the things of time. We entreat these to consider whether they may not thereby cause the way of truth to be evil spoken of by others. May we all be loosened from the spirit of this world may we also be careful that all our transactions in business be such as will bear the strictest investigation of upright men and be sure that we have a reasonable prospect of fulfilling all pecuniary engagements which we contract. We should any in consequence of diminished circumstances be tempted to extend their concerns in trade let them carefully examine their motives and trust in the Lord for his blessing, even on a very limited provision rather than endanger their advancement in the christian course by becoming too deeply involved in the ^{or toils} cares of this life.

The situation of many of our members in some districts arising from the pressure of the times has again claimed our sympathy. We feel for all who are brought into trouble but more particularly for those whose change in their outward condition whilst they were honestly providing for their families may have been occasioned by circumstances which it was not in their power to controul. We would tenderly encourage such to bear their reverses with a patient submissive mind and to be very careful that they do not increase their own difficulties by any hasty, unadvised attempts to extricate themselves from them. May they whilst endeavoring with diligence and prudence to do

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Their part well fix in the first place their
hopes of support under these trials on the tender
Compassion of their Lord.

We have received in former years accounts of the
sufferings of our Members in the support of our
Christian testimony against tithes and other ec-
clesiastical demands. The amount including the co-
sts and charges of the distrainments together with other
demands of a military nature is upwards of
Fourteen thousand five hundred pounds.

We have maintained our epistolary intercourse
with our dear friends in Ireland and with our distant
brethren of all the American yearly meetings and we
are comforted in observing from the written testi-
monials of their love that in the various Meetings
with which we correspond there are many to whom
the testimonies of truth and the doctrines of the
Gospel continue to be precious.

The cruelties and horrors of the slave trade have at this
time deeply interested our feelings. We have heard with
sorrow that this trade with all its attendant evils and
miseries is still pursued by the subjects of several foreign
powers to a very great extent. As a testimony of our belief
that it is a disgrace to any people professing the
Christian name we have been engaged to issue an
Address to the inhabitants of Europe on the iniquity
of the traffic. We recommend the unhappy victims
of it to your continued pity and commiseration and
we desire that the minds of Friends may be frequent-
ly exercised in secret before the Lord not only on their
behalf but for those who by pursuing this odious traf-
fic are doing violence to all the moral and
divine and are increasing their guilt to an

50 Alarming extent in the sight of a merciful but
righteous God

Dear Friends— The work of righteousness shall
be peace and the effect of righteousness quietness
and assurance for ever. We reverently acknowledge
that this work is the Lords through his beloved
son Christ Jesus our blessed redeemer.
in the love of the Gospel we bid you Fare well.
Signed in and on behalf of the Meeting by
Josiah Foster Clerk
To the Meeting this year

From our Yearly Meeting of Friends held on
Whitstable for New England from the 15th of June
to the 13th of the same inclusive 1823

Dear Friends In entering upon the state of soci-
ety as exhibited to us in the answers to the queries
a deep exercise has spread over our minds and
living desires are raised that all under our prof-
ession may be engaged above all other consider-
ations to sink down in the spirit of their minds
to the gift of divine grace mercifully couch-
ed to ~~the~~ each and every one and wait for
his tendering visitation upon the soul whereby we
are encouraged to believe renewed qualifications
would be experienced for the renewal of our several
religious duties. A deep sense of our dependence
upon the dispensing of the visitations for preserva-
tions from the multiplied temptations and trials
to which we are subject ought to encourage and
animate us in the discharge of the solemn

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duty of diligently attending our religious meetings
and lead us when assembled to gather to the true
resting place, the rock of ages, humbly and rever-
ently to wait upon the Lord for the renewal of their
strength which cometh from him alone and
may none among us make it a matter of convenience
merely thus to meet but with reverence and fear
assemble ourselves together at our stated times of
meeting remembering that thereby we bear a noble tes-
timony of our belief in the great truths of the gospel
and devotion to its cause.

May it be our earnest endeavor to seek after the uni-
ty of the spirit which is the bond of peace, and
to receive the language of one of our ancient worthies
as we all profess the life of God to be the author of
our life and well being it becomes us all to differ
in nothing but everyone to depart from that which
tends to evil. May we be especially careful in all
our movements to do nothing which may tend in any
manner to lay waste or destroy the unity of the body
remembering that we are members one of another
and however in private judgment we may scruple or
have some doubts respecting any of its conclusions
yet we believe that peace of mind will be experien-
ced in submitting our own judgments. Indeed the
very nature of society requires this submission, for
such is the frailty of our natures such our liability
to err in judgment that we may well distrust ourselves
and be concerned not to be opposing the wholesome order
of church. We especially solicit that in our public
assemblies for divine worship there may nothing ap-
pear tending to disorder or disunity but that with
all lowliness of mind we may be concerned therein
rightly to perform this interesting and solemn duty.
And may there not be a disposition in any to

52 Follow the example of some to whom the apostle
was concerned to write who said I am of Paul and I of
Apollus and I of Cephas and I of Christ. But saith the
Apostle is Christ divided was Paul crucified for you or
were ye baptised in the name of Paul. No dear Friends
he is one and as we are concerned to come unto him
with a willing mind and wait upon him we shall
all be baptised into one body and become members
of the true Church of which he is head.

It is painful to us to perceive that notwithstanding our
repeated endeavors the use of spiritous Liquors is not wholly
confined to medicinal purposes but that some still
in profession ~~with~~ within make too common use
of them. Such we are concerned to address that they
may yet more deeply consider the awful risk they are
venturing, that they may pause upon the brink of the
precipice from which so many thousands of the human
race have precipitated themselves. Are you aware dear
Friends how many of the comforts and blessings of
this life you forfeit by an indulgence in this dangerous
practice are you aware how much of your respectab-
ility and usefulness among your fellow men you are
sacrificing. We entreat you ponder seriously upon these
things and if yet you may escape for your lives
look not upon the wine when it is red when it giveth
its colour in the cup, for at the least it biteth like
a serpent and stingeth like an adder.

May we all be concerned to labour together for the
help one of another and with meekness council and
watch over one another for good and when one is
over taken with a fault those who are spiritual enu-
cavor in meekness for his restoration. But we entreat you
let not any of our precious testimonies sealed to us by
the sufferings of our worthy predecessors fall to the
ground. Finally farewell peace be to the brethren and love with faith in our God the
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ signed by direction of the above sd. Meeting by Abraham Shearn
for the

An Extract from the report of the Boarding School Committee.
The yearly Meeting boarding School Committee report that the school is under the government of the same superintendants and teachers as at the time of our last report. The average number of scholars has been about seventy. Their general conduct and improvement in learning has been such as to be satisfactory and encouraging to the Committee. Meetings for worship have been kept up and as far as appears in an acceptable manner. The Committee again conclude to admit from each Monthly Meeting one scholar for six months or two for three months each free of expence.

Signed in behalf of the Committee Rowland Green
Alice Plathburn
Providence 2^d of 5th Mo 1823

At our yearly Meeting of Friends held on Rhode Island for New England in the 6th Mo 1823

It is concluded to raise Eight hundred Dollars for the service of this Meeting, which our several Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward to our Treasurer in the same proportion as last year Smithfield Quarterly Meeting proportion is Eighty Dollars

Signed on behalf of the Meeting aforesaid

Abraham Shearman & Co

To New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Friends James H. Wetherell having removed to live within the limits of your Monthly Meeting and requested our Certificate. these may Certify that he is a member of our Monthly Meeting as such we recommend him to your Christian care and over sight
Signed in and by direction of Richmond Monthly Meeting held the 18th of 7th Mo 1823

By Elijah Harkness Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting held at
Richmond the 18th of 9th Mo 1823

Where as Jonas Frostchell hath had a right of
Membership amongst us but he has so far devi-
ted from the good order used amongst us that
he has contracted and consummated Marriage
with one not of our society therefore we have
disowned unity with him as a Member

Signed in and by order of said Meeting

By Elijah Harkness Clerk

Marriage Certificate of David Randall
and Ruth Allen

Ruben

David Randall son of Randall of
Richmond in the County of Cheshire and State
of New Hampshire and Holley his wife and
Ruth Allen of Richmond Daughter of Moses
Allen jun^r of Richmond in the County of Cheshire
and State of New Hampshire having declared their
intentions of taking each other in Marriage
before the Monthly Meeting of the Separated
Quakers in Richmond according to the good
order used among them their proceedings after
due inquiry and deliberate consideration thereof
were allowed by the said Meeting the appearing
Clear of all others and having Consent of Parents

Now these are to certify to all whom it may Concern
that for the full accomplishing of their said in-
tentions this first day of the first Month in

The Year of our Lord one Thousand 55
Eight Hundred and Twenty four They the
said David Randall Ruth Allen appeared at
a Publick assembly of the afore said people and
others in their Meeting house in Richmond
and the said David Randall taking the
said Ruth Allen by the hand did openly
declare as followeth: Friends I take this my
Friend Ruth Allen to be my wife promising
through divine assistance to be unto her a
loving and faithful husband untill it shall
Please the Lord by death to separate us and
The said Ruth Allen did then and there in
like manner declare as followeth Friends I
take this my Friend David Randall to be my
Husband Promising through divine assistance to
be unto him a loving and faithful wife until it
shall please the Lord by death to separate us (or
words of the like import) and the said David Ran-
dall and Ruth Allen as a further Confirmation there-
of have here unto set their hands she after the
Custom of Marriage adapting the name of her
Husband. —

and we whose names are
here unto subscribed being

present with others at the
solemnization of the said Betsey Harkness
Marriage as witnesses Susanna Bassett
thereunto set our hands Mary Allen
the day and year above
written

David Randall
Ruth A. Randall

Deleg. doct
Elijah Harkness
Moses Allen junr
Buffum Allen
Samuel D. Allen

Hannah Randall
Mary Randall
Margaret East
Joanna Allen
Elizabeth Allen

From our Meeting of Friends held at Richmond 2^d of 1st mo 1824 to the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Sandwich Dear Friends after our salutation of love may inform that Cyrol Garnsey a member of our Monthly Meeting having removed within the verge of your Monthly Meeting at Whitefield County of Co. Ross requested our Certificate to you these may certify on his behalf that on inquiry we don't find but that his outward affairs are settled to satisfaction as such we recommend him to your Christian care and oversight we remain your Friends signed in and by order of S^d Meeting

by Elijah Harkness Clerk

Cert. Certificate of the removal of Artemas Bassett & Family

To W. Starksborough Monthly Meeting
Dear Friends,

Artemas Bassett, having removed with his Family to live within the limits of your Meeting, and requested our Certificate these are to certify on behalf of himself and Sarah his Wife that they are members in unity with us and have settled their outward affairs to satisfaction as far as appears, their children are also members and under by youths their Names are William Margery Susanna Nathan Ruth Sarah & David, and as such we recommend them to your Christian care and oversight with desires for their preservation in the truth given forth from our monthly Meeting at Richmond - and 18 of 3 mo 1824 signed in and by order of S^d Meeting
By Elijah Harkness } Clerk
Betsey Harkness }

At Testimony of the denial of
Joseph Hatcher

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From our Monthly Meeting held at Richmond
and the 14 of 3th mo 1824 We have as Joseph
Hatcher ^{hath had a right} of Membership in our Religious Society,
but has departed from the good order used
amongst us in wholly neglecting the attendance
of our Meetings and Marrying
with one not of our Society. we therefore
disown unity with him as a member
until he shall return and make satisfaction
signed in and by direction of said
Meeting - - - By Elijah Harkness Clerk

At Testimony of the denial of Jesse Bowls

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held
at Richmond the 19th of 8th mo 1824
we have as Jesse Bowls son of John hath had a
right of Membership in our Religious Society but
not heeding the reproofs of instruction hath
revolted from our good order hath joined
the Militia and upholds the same for
which he hath been laboured with without
the desired effect we have therefore disowned
unity with him as a member till he shall
return and make satisfaction
Signed in and on behalf of said Meeting
By Elijah Harkness Clerk

58 Extracts from the Minutes of our yearly Meeting
of Friends held on Rhode Island for New England in
the 6th month 1844.

The Queries were read with answers from our several
Quarterly Meetings which brought forth a
deep feeling of exercise over many minds and lead
to the expression of a lively concern for the preservation
of our various testimonies in that feeling of redemption
from the spirit of the world through the influence of
the Truth in which they originated the deficiency
manifested in the due attendance of our religious
meetings was affecting to many and a sympathetic
care towards friends in remote situations and members of
small meetings was feelingly recommended to the attention
of Monthly Meetings & Quarterly Meetings as well as
to individuals who feel concerned for the promotion of
the cause of Truth and Friends in such situations when
unable from peculiar circumstances to meet with their
Brethren for the interesting purpose. Public divine
worship were encouraged to sit down in retirement
before the Lord in their own Families.

A state of watchfulness in Friends when sitting in
our Meetings for business was also feelingly recommended
that they may wait to know what is required at
their hands and to be enabled to move in that meek-
ness of wisdom which will give efficacy to their
labours in promoting the objects of that Christian
discipline which it is fully believed was established
among us in the ordering of divine Truth.

Faithfulness in the great duty of admonition was
urged upon the attention of Friends whether standing
in that relation towards their Fellow members which
would seem to render it their more peculiar province or
as individuals who are brought to feel for the preserva-
tion of those who they apprehend are slipping aside
or falling short of that to which the Truth would
lead with desires that such may attend to the secret
and gentle intimations of the Spirit of Christ.

in their own minds pointing to such services and self
for ability rightly to labour with others in the restoring
spirit of love and should they meet with their peculiar
trials and sufferings they may remember that a blessing
is attached to those who are found worthy to suffer for the
cause of Truth and thus be encouraged to hold on their
way.

The want of love and unity, manifest within our
borders at all times painful to the feeling mind has been
cause of exercise on the present occasion and has given
rise to a concert that all living members of the body
all who rightly feel for the preservation of that head
placed round about the society which in subservience
to the spirit of Truth it is believed has a blessing to it
may be favored to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond
of peace and that becoming more and more baptised
into the one body they may become a joy and strength
to one another.

It solicitude was felt that parents may seek for that
qualification that will enable them rightly to watch over
the minds of their children to guard them against the
snares and temptations the spirit the maxims and fas-
ions of the world, that they may about themselves of
opportunities when their minds are tender and susceptible
of impressions to plead with them in the authority of res-
training love and that children may blend with
the feeling of filial regard the fear of offending a
religiously exercised and the necessity of obedience to
that principle implanted in their minds the gentle
intimations of which are often felt at a very early age
and as given heed to will preserve from the snares of
death and enable us to say with one formerly
should we attain to advanced life I have been young
and now am old yet have I not seen the righteous
perish nor his seed being breed.

And that all of every class who are rightly con-
cerned being kept alive in the Truth and a feeling
engagement of mind for their own advancement
in the path of self denial the influence of
their example may become widely diffused and thus

60 grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord
and saviour.

From the minutes of the Meetings aforesaid

Abraham Shearman & Clerk

At our Yearly Meetings of Friends held on Nkooe-
Island for New England in the 6th mo 1824

It was concluded to raise seven hundred dollars for the
services of the ensuing year which our several Quarterly
Meetings were requested to forward to our Treasurer in
the usual proportions Smithfield Quarterly Meetings pro-
portion is seventy Dollars

in behalf of said Meeting

Abraham Shearman & Clerk

At our yearly Meetings of Friends held on Nkooe-
Island for New England in the 6th mo 1824

It being proposed by Friends of Smithfield Quarterly
Meeting that the term of that which has hitherto been
held at Leicester in the 11th month be in future held in
the same month at Northbridge the proposed alteration
is agreed to.

in behalf of said Meeting

Abraham Shearman & Clerk

Report of the Boarding School Committee presented
to the Yearly Meeting in the 6th month 1824

The Yearly Meeting Boarding School Committee
report that they have continued their attendance
during the past year to the concerns of the institution
placed under their care and feel encouraged to believe
that the reasonable expectations of Friends in regard
to its usefulness to the children and youth of society
will be measurably realised.

Matthew and Betsey Purington the former Sup-
erintendents having expressed a desire to be
released the Committee have agreed with
Enoch and Lydia Bower to take charge of the

School in that Capacity.

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The same Teachers are employed as at the time
of the last report

(note)

The average number of scholars has been about nine

Their General Conduct and improvement have
been satisfactory to the Committee

it is again concluded to admit from each Monthly
Meeting one Child for six months or two Children
three months each free of expense,

our late Friend Obadiah Brown having placed
at the disposal of the yearly Meeting a liberal
bequest ~~as appears~~ to the institution as appears by extracts
from his will accompanying our last report it has
appeared to the committee that most benefit would
result to society at large from an appropriation of a
portion of the fund to the defraying of ~~the~~ a part
of the expense of Board and tuition

With this view the Committee propose that after the 1st
of 7th month next Children may be admitted at the rate
of Sixteen dollars per quarter.

on behalf of the Committee

Arnold Congdon

Mary A Robinson

Providence 7th
of 5th mo 1824

At a Meeting of the Boarding School Committee
held at Newport 18th of 6th mo 1824

Abraham Shearman & was requested to forward
with the extracts from the Minutes of the yearly
Meeting Copies of the foregoing report with a note
that Children who are members of our Society
will be admitted as above proposed at sixteen
Dollars per Quarter.

62 A Certificate for Rufus Randall

To Richmond Monthly Meeting of Friends
Dear Friends

Rufus Randall having gone to reside within the limits of your Meeting requests our Certificate: this may certify on his behalf that he is a Member of our society a diligent attender of Meetings has settled his outward affairs to satisfaction and is clear of Marriage engagements as far as appears as such we recommend him to your care and attention.

given fourth at our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Bolton 8mo 25. 1824

David Smith

A Testimony of the denial of Abraham Baker

From our Monthly Meeting held at Richmond the 23^d of 9th mo 1824 Whereas Abraham Baker a Member of our Meeting hath departed from the good order used among us in that he hath neglected the attendance of our religious Meetings departed from plainness and married with one not of our society he being labor- ed with but choosing his own way we have disowned him as a member

Signed by order of sd Meeting

By Elijah Harkness

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To East Greenwich Monthly Meeting of Friends
Dear Friends

Bussum Allen has removed within
the limits of your Meeting and desires our Certificate
of removal. These may Certify that he is a member
of our Society of an orderly life and nothing ap-
pears but that his outward affairs are settled to
satisfaction and clear of Marriage engagements
We therefore recommend him to your Care
Given forth from our Monthly Meeting of
Friends held at Richmond 11th mo 18 1824
Elijah Harkness

The Epistle from the yearly Meeting held
in London by adjournments from the 15th of
the 6th mo to the 27th of the same inclusive 1824

To the Quarterly and monthly Meetings
of Friends in Great Britain Ireland and
elsewhere.

Dear Friends.

The benefits of which we have through the
mercy of the Lord been permitted on former occa-
sions to partake have not been with less pomus in
the course of the present Meeting. We have had to
rejoice in the company one of another and this has
been to many of us a time of the renewal of our spi-
ritual strength and of the belief that our heaven-
ly Father is still graciously disposed to bless us as
a religious society under the animating influence
of his love we again address you in brotherly affection
desiring that grace mercy and peace from God
the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord may abound
amongst you.

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Great indeed are the advantages of outward religious communion: it promotes humility by checking that disguised pride which induces an undue confidence in our own opinions or in our spiritual attainments and by leading us to esteem others in the Lord as better than ourselves. In the proper support of it we are bidden upon to be tender of the reputation and Character one of another to watch over each other for good and, when these Christian duties are practised as they ought to be we are taught the great value of the care and counsel of our Friends. In the Fellowship of the gospel we are cheerfully disposed to bear one another's burdens and thus fulfil the Law of Christ and we come to participate in those joys and conflicts which await our Fellow travelers towards the City of God. Let us then beloved Friends be unremitting in our endeavours to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

But it is highly needful for us to consider in what way this unity is most effectually promoted. It was the language of our holy redeemer One is your master even Christ and all ye are brethren. And can we expect to become entitled to this endearing appellation by any other means than by striving in all things to become the servants of this gracious Master? Ah! then if in the love of this gospel we ^{constantly} persuade all our dear friends to be daily aspiring after the highest of attainments that of being a meek and self denying disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ. Each of us has his part to act and to each it is of infinite importance that he acts aright and we have been at this time convinced that this were our primary

individual concern there would be more firmness of ^{God's} Christian Character amongst us - more decided attachments to that which we believe to be the law of our God - more of a separation from the world and its various allurements - greater devotedness of heart to the service of him whom we acknowledge as the author of all our blessings. May we then pursue the path of Christian obedience and be animated in the remembrance of that living assurance if there are be single thy whole body shall be full of light.

Our progress in the way to the kingdom of heaven is greatly aided by maintaining an habitual quietude of mind whatever be our circumstances in life: not by a disuse of the talents intrusted to us nor by a state of mental indolence but by having our thoughts brought into captivity to the obedience of Christ the only safe refuge and resting place of the righteous.

Be encouraged then dear Friends by patience and watchfulness unto prayer earnestly to seek after a settlement upon this rock a stability in the truth from which you may not be shaken. And we are at this time anxiously yet affectionately concerned to warn all our beloved brethren to guard against some of the obvious temptations of the present day. Speculation of any kind which may seem to hold out the prospect of a rapid accumulation of wealth greatly endangers that tranquility of mind to which we have alluded. They often involve in perplexities which disqualify us for exercising a patient dependence upon him from whom cometh our strength. They are very apt to lead into acts unbecoming the character of upright men and in some cases their effects are deplorably felt by innocent sufferers. They expose to the danger of violating our religious testimonies to the simplicity of the Gospel of Christ. They often arise from the love of money and

66 and encourage that eager pursuit after riches which is inconsistent with the Character of a people who believe in the necessity of being redeemed from the spirit of this world.

We are aware that many of our dear Friends may at the present time in seeking for a fair means of gaining a livelihood and in the regular conducting of their outward Concerns be subjected to peculiar difficulties. In the Competition of trade they may be tempted to do that which endangers their own peace of mind and disturbs the harmony of society. We would tenderly counsel all these whilst they cherish a disposition to honest industry to let their wants be few to keep to habits of moderation and economy but at the same time abhorring Covetousness and above all so to live and so to act that they may be able to place a humble reliance on the blessing and care of the almighty and to follow the exhortation of the Apostle: In every thing by prayer and supplication with Thanks-giving let your requests be made known unto God.

And we desire that a Christian example in others who are not subjected to the same difficulties may strengthen them in these good resolutions.

In contemplating the temptations incident to ~~parents~~ human life our Thoughts are again turned to the responsible situation of parents and others who have the care of Children.

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Much depends under the divine blessing upon
the early formation of Character. We therefore
earnestly recommend to all who have the care
of youth to embrace the first opportunities to
instill into their tender and susceptible minds
correct principles of piety, and virtue in rever-
ent fear to speak to them of Him who made
them and of Him who died for them and to
turn their attention to the discoveries of the spirit
of Truth. It is of great importance that every
should be used in love to check the evil propensi-
ties of their nature to controul their will to induce
habitual reverence for God and for the solemn
truths of the Gospel and to lay the foundation of
that humble faith in redemption through Christ
and in the teachings of the holy spirit which we
believe to be the basis of the Christian edifice.
Calmness and firmness on such occasions and indeed
in the daily occurrences of life precept enforced by
consistent example are well calculated to command
respect and to give the most beneficial effect both
to restraint and Council. When true parental
love regulated by the love of Christ abiding in
the heart is thus exercised it often produces
obedience and corresponding love in the child.
In this parental love a watchful care is maintain-
ed with regard to his associates and this danger-
ous avenue to evil is sedulously guarded. On
the same principle the attentive parent will
exercise a diligent care that the minds of his offspring
are not contaminated by the perusal of such books
as would induce a disregard for the tendering
visitations of divine love or a disbelief either for
the truths of Holy Scriptures for the society
of good men or for the narratives of those

68 who through the power of redeeming love have been prepared to enter into eternal rest. Thus we may see that that which is of the world leadeth unto the world whilst that which is of God leadeth unto God.

Although we do not find it to be our place now to allude severally to those Christian duties which annually claim our attention we have not been unmindful of their importance. Amongst other testimonies which we believe ourselves called upon to bear to the purity of the Christian dispensation is that against the payment of tithes and all other ecclesiastical demands. The amount of the sufferings of our Friends in Great Britain and Ireland on this account as reported to this Meeting including the charges of prosecution and restraint and a few demands of a military nature is upwards of Thirteen thousand nine hundred pounds.

Whilst our attention has been more especially turned to the religious welfare of our own Society we have observed with pleasure in our usual exchange of Epistles with our dear Friends of Ireland and of the various yearly Meetings on the American Continent that they also are interested for the prosperity of Truth and that the State of the descendants of the Africans race and that of the Indian natives have respectively claimed their sympathy and excited them to active benevolence on their behalf.

The Slave trade with its inseparable horrors
and the gradual but total abolition of slavery
continue to be objects of deep interest in our view
and although we have not found it to be our
duty as a religious body to be frequently ap-
pearing by any public act as advocates of hu-
manity and justice we would again commend
injured africa and her offspring to the Commis-
eration of every one amongst us. And we warm-
ly desire that the moral and religious improve-
ment of every Class of our Fellow men and the
alleviation of their sufferings and distress may
ever obtain that aid and sympathy which in
the unlimited love of the Gospel of Christ should
be extended towards the whole human race -

Yours unto him who is able to do exceeding abundant-
ly above all that we ask or think according to
the power that worketh in us unto Him be glory
in the church by Christ Jesus through out all
ages world without end Amen

Signed in and on behalf of the Meeting by

Josiah Foster

Clerk to the Meeting this year

70 To Last Greenwich Monthly Meeting
of Friends. Dear Friends.

Wassam, Wm having removed within the
limits of your Meeting and desires our Certificate
These may certify on his behalf that he is a
Member of our Society of an orderly life
has settled his outward affairs to satisfaction
and is clear of Marriage engagements amongst
us as such we recommend him to your Christian
Care and attention

Given forth from our Monthly Meeting held
at Richmond 11. 15. 1821. Elijah Harkness

Levi Wheeler of Richmond son of Morgan
Wheeler of Richmond in the County of Cheshire
and state of New Hampshire and Sarah his
wife deceased. And Lucy Staben Daughter
of Darling Staben of Winchester County and
state above said and Phoebe his wife both
deceased. having declared their intentions of
taking each other in Marriage before the
Monthly Meeting of the People Caled
Quakers in Richmond according to the
good order used among them. their proceed-
ings after due enquiry and deliberate Con-
sideration thereof were allowed by the s.^d Meet-
ing. They appearing clear of all others and
having Consent of parents

We these are to certify to all whom it may
concern that for the full accomplishing of their s^d
intentions this Twentyfifth day of the Eleventh Month
in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight Hun-
dred and Twenty four They the said Levi Wa-
cher and Lucy Saben appeared at a public as-
sembly of the afore said People and others in
their Meeting house in Richmond, and he the
said Levi Wheeler taking the said Lucy Saben
by the hand did openly declare as Followeth
Friends I take this my Friend Lucy Saben to
be my wife promising through divine assistance
to be unto her a loving and faithful husband
until it shall please the Lord by death to sep-
arate us and the said Lucy Saben did then
and there in like manner declare as followeth
Friends I take this my Friend Levi Wheeler
to be my Husband promising through divine
assistance to be unto him a loving and faithful
wife until it shall please the Lord by death to
separate us or words of the like import.

And the s^d Levi Wheeler and Lucy Saben as a
further Confirmation thereof have here unto
set their hands she after the Custom of
Marriage adapting the name of her husband
And we whose names are here unto subscribed
being present with others at the solemnization
of their s^d Marriage as witnesses their unto
set our hands the day and year above written

George Harkness	Meribah Harkness
David Remondall	Betsy Harkness
Peregreen Wheeler	Oliver Holbrook
Mowry Saben	Hannah Randall
Nahum Groat	Hannah Saben
Israel Saben	Ruth A Randall
Reuben Remondall	Sarah Saben
	Isabelah Saben

& Certificate George Hardness

From Our Monthly Meeting held at Richmond
the 21st of 1st Mo 1825 To Strarksborough Monthly
Meeting. Dear Friends

George Hardness being about to remove
with his Family to your Meeting. These are
to certify on behalf of himself and betsy his
Wife that their lives and Conversation have been
such that it hath rendered them respectable
Members amongst us their Childrens names
are Susanna, James, George, Abert, Jesse, S.
Mary, S. and betsy who are also Members
of pretty orderly lives and as such we recom-
mend him to your Christian Care. They having
settled their outward affairs to satisfaction
as far as appears
Signed in behalf our Monthly Meeting

By Elizabeth Hardness } Clerk
Martha Hardness }

A Certificate
of Daniel Johnson
To Richmond Monthly Meeting of Friends
Daniel Johnson Jr having requested a
Certificate to your Monthly Meeting to
accomplish Marriage These may certify on
his behalf that he is a member of our Meeting
and nothing appears to hinder his proceeding
in Marriage with Comfort Allen a member
of your meeting

Signed by direction of Salem Monthly Meeting
the 12th of 5th mo 1825 Daniel Johnson Jr

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Marriage Certificate of Daniel Johnson
and Comfort Allen

Daniel Johnson^{sr} of Lynn in the County
of Essex and State of Massachusetts son of
Samuel Johnson of Lynn aforesaid and
of Sarah his ^{late} wife deceased, and Comfort
Allen Daughter of Moses Allen^{sr} of Rich-
mond County of Cheshire State of New Ham-
psire and Mary his wife. Having declared
their intentions of taking each other in
Marriage before a Monthly Meeting
of the Society of Friends in ^{the} County
of Cheshire according to the good order
used among the them. Their proceedings
after due inquiry and deliberate consideration
on thereof were allowed by the said Meeting
they appearing Clear of all others and havi-
ng Consent of parents and all concerned.
Now these are to Certify all whom it may
Concern that for the full accomplishment
of their said intentions this second day of
the Sixth month in the year of our Lord
One thousand Eight hundred and Twenty
five they the said Daniel Johnson^{sr} and
Comfort Allen appeared at a public asse-
mbley of the aforesaid People and others
in their Meeting house in ^{the} Richmond and
he the said Daniel Johnson^{sr} taking the
said Comfort Allen by the hand did open-
ly declare that he took her to be his wife
promising through divine assistance to be

7. Unto her a faithful and affection hus-
band untill it shall please the Lord to sep-
arate them by death. and the said Com-
fort Allen did declare in like manner
that she took the said Daniel Johnson
to be her Husband promising promising through
divine assistance to be unto him a faithful and
Affectionate Wife untill it please the Lord
to separate them by death (or words of the like import)

And the said Daniel Johnson Jr and Com-
fort Allen as a further confirmation thereof
have hereunto set their hands & he after the
custom of Marriage adapting the name of
her husband - - - Daniel Johnson
Comfort Johnson

And we whose names are hereunto
subscribed being present with others
at the solemnization thereof their Susanna Taft
said marriage as witnesses their unto Freelove Lovett
set our hands the day and year Mary Allen

above written
Daniel Randall

Joanna Allen
Molly Randall

Peter Taft

Indith Allen

Moses Allen Jr

Elizabeth Allen

Edw Blandings

Levi Wheeler

Reuben Randall

James Lovett

Samuel D. Allen

Warren Chubb

Bulkum Allen

Stephen Randall

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At Our Yearly Meeting held on Rhode-island for
Newengland from the 12th to the 16th of 6th mo 1825

The report of the Boarding School Committee being
read and considered is approved; and such parts
thereof as it appears necessary to lay before our Quarterly
and Monthly Meetings with the minutes annexed, to
the report are directed to be transcribed by the Clerk
and forwarded to them for the future Government of
Friends in sending their Children to school.

From the Minutes of P^renting.

Abraham Shearman J^r

Extracts from the report of the Boarding School Com-
mittee presented to the yearly Meeting 6th mo 1825

The yearly Meeting boarding School Committee report,
they have given attention ^{early} the first year to the concerns
of the Institution and feel a degree of satisfaction
in being able to state that the prospect of its useful-
ness to the Children and youth of the Society continue
to be encouraging.

The School is continued under the charge of Enoch
and Lydia Breed as superintendants and Joseph
Jones David Daniel Samuel B. Tobey, Abigail
Steece, Mary Bodden and Sarah Parle as instruct-
resses.

The average number of scholars for the year past
has been one hundred and three. The receipts for
Boarding and tuition with the income of the
fund continue to meet the expenditures.

It is concluded again to admit one Child from each
Monthly Meeting viz. monthly or two Children three
months each free of expense provided their term be
accomplished within the year succeeding the yearly
Meeting.

The number of Children at the school had so
increased at the commencement of the present

16 year that the Committee thought it necessary for
their convenient and healthful accommodations and
that of the Family, that the Building should be
enlarged by an addition of about forty feet square
to each wing; and as it appeared desirable that
the work should be commenced previous to the
time of the yearly Meeting, they with the advice
of the Meeting, for sufferings have contracted to
have additions made and they are now in progress.

It is concluded by the Committee that children of
this yearly Meeting who are members of society continue
to be received for the present at six pence 3 pence per
quarter; and that those who are children or grand children
of members of our Society or under the care of Friends of
this yearly Meeting (when the circumstances of the school
permit of their being received) be admitted at twenty
pence per quarter; and that, should it be thought
best hereafter to admit any others that they be received
at twenty pence per quarter.

The Committee propose should it meet the approva-
tion of the yearly Meeting that the annual minutes
be presented to the several monthly Meetings for their
consideration in sending children to school.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

Frederick 4th mo 6th 1825

Wm Jenkins.
Alice Rathburn.

Minutes of the Boarding School Committee

(Approved by the yearly Meeting 6th mo 1821)

The School Committee in the discharge of the important trust confided to them by the yearly Meeting, ~~and~~ ^{as the friends} have found it necessary from time to time to secure the great object which the yearling Meeting itself as well as the Friends who have contributed to the funds of the institution have had in view in the establishment of the school and which they think cannot be better expressed than in the language which accompanied the request of one of its early friends and most liberal benefactors; that our children and youth may receive a religious guarded education free from the contaminating influence of the vain fashionable world which leads young minds from the simplicity of the truth and that much more quiet satisfaction by our blessed Lord and saviour Jesus Christ. Whom we proper to follow.

It was in accordance with such views that the Committee were induced in the Decr 1819 soon after the school was in operation to forward the following minutes to the several Monthly Meetings and which in 1821 was again sent down under the sanction of the yearly Meeting viz

It has appeared necessary from experience since the opening of the institution that more general supervision should be extended in securing children to school conformable to the recommendation in the printed circular of the 12th Decr 1818. And to secure this order necessary to carry the object of the yearly Meeting into more complete effect, it is recommended that each Monthly Meeting appoint a few suitable Friends to whom application may be made by parents or guardians of children who are desirous of placing them at the school that the Friends so appointed should consider it their duty not only to enquire

18. That the Children come in a plain dress and on the use of the plain descriptive language but that they are of good habits; and that they give a few lines to that import for the information of the Superintendents and Instructors at the School.

The Committee now feel it to be their duty to recommend to the Monthly Meetings a greater extension of these objects and that the appointment of such Committees be revived by them to act in connection with the members of this Committee if any who may reside within the limits of each Monthly Meeting.

And as Children have in several instances been brought to the School without any recommendation or minute from the Committees of the Monthly Meetings and through an unwillingness to subject their parents or others to inconvenience have been admitted notwithstanding it is now concluded after deliberately considering the subject and with the preservation of right order and and true view of the insubordination solely in view that it is a reasonable time for a circulation of this Conclusion the Superintendents be instructed not to receive any Children without such Certificate.

In all cases of a doubtful nature that may come before them the Committees of the Monthly Meetings are requested to make application by letter (directed to the Superintendent) to the acting Committee of the Institution which meets at the School house in Providence on the third day after the last fifth day in each month.

As a further means of promoting similarity of manners and appearance among the Children and to prevent the injurious effects of a contrary example the Superintendents are authorized to direct that such apparel as the Children bring with them that is deemed inconsistent with the plainness that truth leads into be laid aside during their residence at the School or be necessarily altered more and the expense charged.

1 Boston Monthly Meetings of Friends 73
Stephen Wheeler having moved within the
limits of your meeting
this is to certify on his behalf that he is a
member of our society has settled his out-
ward affairs to satisfaction as far as appears
and is clear of Marriage engagements amongst
us, as such we recommend him to your
Christian care and oversight.
Signed on behalf of Boston and Monthly
Meetings held 20th of 4th Mo 1826
Elijah Harkness Clk

4 Testimony of the denial of Israel Suben

From our Monthly Meeting held at Richmond
22nd of 6th Mo 1841 wherein Israel Suben
both had a right of membership amongst
us but he having given loose reins to his
inclinations had separated from the
principles of truth professed by us both
joined with the customs of this world in
language and habit and almost wholly
neglected to attend our meetings he
having been labored with and finally
no disposition to ever meet or wish to
retain his right amongst us we have
disowned unity with him as a member
Signed in and by order of our Meeting

Elijah Harkness Clk

A Testimony of the denial of Asah Aldrich

From Our Monthly Meeting of Friends
held at Richmond the 24th of the 8th mo 1826
Whereas Asah Aldrich hath had a right of
Membership amongst us but not attending
to the pointings of Truth hath transgressed
our rules in contracting and Consummating
Marriage with one not of our Society for
which he hath been labored with without
giving encouragement of satisfaction therefore
this Meeting disowns unity with him as a
Member untill he shall return and make
satisfaction

Signed in and on behalf of the
above said Meeting By Elijah Harkness } Clerk
for the day

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends
held at Richmond the 24th of the 8th mo 1826

Whereas Amos Cook has had a right of
Membership in our Society but not attending to
the pointing of Truth hath transgressed our
rules in contracting and Consummating Mar-
riage with one not of our Society for which
he hath been laboured with without giving
encouragement of satisfaction

Therefore we have disowned unity with
him as a member untill he shall return
and make satisfaction

Signed in and on behalf of the above
S^d Meeting,

By Elijah Harkness } Clerk
for the day

At our yearly Meeting of Trustees held on Rhode's land
for Weymouth in the 8th Mo 1826

The following report of the Boarding School Committee
being read and considered is acceptable to the Meeting
and the Clerk is directed to forward Copies thereof
to our Quarterly Meetings that it may be transmitted
through them to the several monthly Meetings

From the Minutes of 3^d Meeting. A. S. Hearn, Manager. Clerk

The yearly Meeting Boarding School Committee report.

that they have given their attention to the concerns
of the institution through the past year and feel a
satisfaction in being able to state their belief that
its usefulness to society continues to increase. The School
is under the charge of Enock and Lydia Breese,
as superintendents and Isaac Jones David Daniels
George Jones, Abigail Pierce, Sarah Earle and
MARY ALMY, as teachers. Meetings for worship have
been regularly continued and the family has been preserv^{ed}
in harmony. The average number of scholars for the
past year has been one hundred and ten. The receipts for
Board and tuition together with the income of the fund
have prove equal to the expenditures. It is again conclu^{ded}
to admit one child from each Monthly Meeting
Six Months or two children three months each free of
expense provided their term be accomplished within
the year succeeding the yearly Meeting. The terms of
admission for children the same as the last year.
The account of the Treasurer of the School fund has
been exhibited and audited. The additions to the wings
of the School House as contemplated in our report of
last year have been completed the expense of which
together with the necessary improvements in
the old parts of the House amounts in the whole

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in the whole to eight thousand eight hundred and
thirty five dollars and fifty nine cents. of this
sum seven thousand four hundred and eighty
four dollars and eighteen cents has been collected and
of the disposable fund and paid leaving a balance
of thirteen hundred and fifty one dollars and
forty one cents now due; to liquidate which their
remains of the disposable fund uncollected two
thousand and fifty two dollars and seventy five
cents. The average number of scholars for the
last six months having been one hundred and
thirty six a much larger number than at any
former period experience has proved that the
additions were necessary for the suitable accom-
modations and comfort of the scholars and sum
Signed on behalf of the Committee

5th of 5th month 1826.

Moses Brown
Mary B. Allen.

The
Epistle from the yearly Meeting held in London
By adjournments from the 18th of the 5mo to
the 26th of the same inclusive 1825.
To the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings of Friends
in Great Britain Ireland and elsewhere.
Dear Friends

We have sensibly felt the loss of some of our
dear and honoured friends whose labours in the
in the work of the Lord have in former years
been blessed to this Meeting; and who have long been
examples to the flock by the humility and piety
of their lives. But through the mercy of the
most high we have been strengthened in
the humbling persuasion that in his unfailing
goodness he is still continuing to bless us and

that He has condescended to be near us in this our annual
 assembly. In the fulfollow of the gospel we again
 salute you our endeared Brethren and sisters wherever
 situated desiring that amongst you and in all the
 families of the earth the love of God through Jesus
 Christ our Lord may increase and abound exceedingly.
 May our elder Brethren and Sisters who have
 passed and are passing through many tribulations
 and conflicts continue to trust in the Lord in the
 full belief that as they persevere unto the end
 their exercises for the salvation of their own souls
 and for the prosperity of the Church will through
 the mediation of our Redeemer be rewarded with a
 glorious immortality. And we exhort those who
 are in the meridian of life whose time and talents
 ought to be devoted to the service of the truth to
 exercise a sound judgment in the fear of the Lord
 and to be firm and steadfast in their respective
 allotments. And as we have rejoiced the belief
 that many in early life have yielded to the visitations
 of heavenly love we do very tenderly entreat
 those to hold fast that whereunto they have attained
 to wait before the Lord in reverence and humil-
 ility for further preparation for usefulness in his
 service and with meekness and diffidence yet with
 zeal and fidelity to pursue the path of obedience.
 And O! that we may all be manifesting our
 attachment to the genuine unchangeable principles
 of the gospel. An adherence to its doctrines has
 been the support of our predecessors; both of those
 who were the instruments in gathering us to be
 a distinct religious society and of their faithful suc-
 cessors down to the present day or time. These principles
 embrace faith in that redemption which comes by
 Jesus Christ who ever liveth as our intercessor

with the Father and in the immediate teachings of
 the Holy Spirit. It is indeed the great duty of ^{every} one
 who professes the name of Christ rightly to estimate
 these highly important truths. It ought to be his
 frequent concern by watchfulness unto prayer (a-
 duty often enjoined) but cannot be too deeply im-
 pressed to imitate the example of our blessed Saviour and
 to obey his sacred precepts. If thus concerned he
 will be inquisitive by an ^{honest} examination to ascertain whe-
 ther by a daily course of self-denial he is evincing
 his sense of the marvelous love displayed by the
 coming in the flesh and is a sacrifice for sin of
 the Son of God who is the light of the world.
 We are persuaded beloved friends that if these so-
 called subjects have their due place in the mind you
 will become fearful lest the love of the world
 should dispossess you of the love of God. in this
 way of comparative ^{outward} ease and of exemption from
 great suffering in the support of our views of
 the pure and spiritual nature of the gospel
 it especially behoves us to be on our guard that we
 be not gradually drawn aside from the simplicity
 of the truth as it is in Jesus. It is upon this prin-
 ciple of simplicity that our testimony to plainness
 in speech behaviour and apparel rests. And be-
 lieving as we do that nothing ought to be esteemed
 little that forms a part of our Christian duty
 we would exhort all our members to an entire con-
 sistancy on these points. But we would remind
 you dear friends that this simplicity includes
 something more, and that it is also incumbent
 upon us to consider whether we are not in danger
 of following the vain fashions of the world in the
 decoration of our houses and whether whilst giving
 to hospitality we are sufficiently careful to observe
 due moderation in our manner of living.

At a period when the Christian religion is advocated
and its inestimable blessings are made known to an ex-
tent exceeding that in any former age in the world,
it becomes a people who so openly profess a belief in
the immediate guidance of the holy spirit of truth
to be particularly watchful and circumspect in their whole
lives and conversation and to keep themselves clear
from the entangling snare of the world. They will then
fully see the importance of guarding on one hand a-
gainst the adoption of opinions which would weaken
their faith in the sure guidance of this heavenly in-
structor whilst on the other a humbling conviction of
the inestimable value of this unmerited gift of
God will lead them to speak with reverence
caution of its teachings and to fear lest they
should ascribe the workings of their own imagi-
nations to the revelation of the most high.

The consistent Christian will make no compromise
of principle. When persecution does not
await him it will be his earnest prayer that whilst
he thankfully enjoys the temporal blessings dis-
pensed by the all bountiful giver he may not
so fix his heart upon these fading treasures
as to be unprepared should the day of trouble
overtake him to stand with uprightness and to
acorn his profession by patiently enduring afflic-
tion. Whilst upon a well grounded conviction
he is satisfied that he ought to be aiming at a
perfect standard he will be solicitous that no
part of his demeanor that none of his transac-
tions among men may tend to diminish the
excellence of that standard in the view of those
with whom he associates.

He that is concerned to support the character of a
follower of Christ ^{and so} amongst us would dis-
honor this character? ought to be earnest in his endeavor

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- nor that accessions of wealth can in any way
disqualify him for the discharge of every duty.
Those who, whilst honestly ^{and diligently} endeavouring to provide
for their families, have to encounter many diffi-
culties have a strong claim on the sympathy of
their friends: yet they need not fear as they
as they continue to place their whole trust in
our heavenly Father but that he will care for
them in such a way as he sees meet. But if
any wheather of the more affluent Or of
those who cannot be ranked in this class are
deviating from safe and regular methods of
business, if they are carried away by uncertain and
hazardous though plausible schemes for getting
rich if they yield to a desire rapidly to enlarge
their possessions—such are in eminent danger.
They cannot justly expect the blessing of the
most high in such pursuits: their spiritual eye
becomes dim and they do not perceive with cl-
ariness that light which would enable them to
perfect holiness in the fear of god. And we be-
lieve that if their were a due attention to this
light there would be a larger proportion of our
members qualified to fill the stations of Elders
and Overseers amongst us. When the duties of
these offices are faithfully discharged it gre-
atly tends to the edification of the body in love.
How beautiful and how safe would be our condition
if we were all endeavouring each in his proper
allotment to walk in humility and devotedness
of heart before the Lord.

The practice of frequent retirement in ispirit
greatly assists us on our way to the kingdom
of heaven. If an impartial review of our conduct

then takes place and if the sincere and secret
 petition is raised for almighty help we are led from
 an undue attachment to the things of this life
 and our hope and dependence are increasing by
 and upon our holy redeemer. The sacred truths of
 the Bible are often at such times brought to rem-
 embrance with consolation and strength. It is
 one among the many evidences of the divine authority of
 holy scriptures that in the various ages of the Christian
 Church its invaluable contents have produced in true
 believers an harmonizing sense of their blissful effects.
 If in humility and in reliance upon the spirit which
 gave them forth we are diligent in reading these
 sacred writings we become increasingly sensible of
 their value. We are then prepared from our own ex-
 perience to say that they are able to make us wise
 unto salvation through faith in Christ Jesus; we
 readily subscribe to the truth of the position that
 in order to the accomplishment of this great end
 they need no human comment; and we are anxious
 that our fellow men in every region of the globe
 may possess and may be able to read the volume of
 inspiration. As it is the natural effect of obedience
 to the love of Christ revealed in the heart to en-
 large our love to others the more we are brought
 under the influence of this principle the more we
 shall be prepared to employ a portion of our time
 and of our substance in promoting the temporal
 and spiritual welfare of mankind. We therefore
 desire that a disposition for Active benevolence
 may be cherished in every heart, each being concerned
 to know for himself in what way consistently with his
 private and social duties, he may employ his talents
 for the good of others and steadily to persevere in
 what he may have rightly undertaken, with
 constant reference to the divine blessing.

38 not with a view to popularity, or ostentation
but simply as acting the part of a wise and
faithful servant who must give an account
to his Lord at his coming.

no subject of this description has more interested
our feelings from year to year than the continuance
of the slave trade and the deplorable condition
of those who are kept in bondage. In the course
of our present deliberations the cruelties of this
horrid system of injustice have again called forth
our deep commiseration: and we earnestly desire
notwithstanding the slow progress that is made
in this great cause that no discouragement may
prevail but rather that all may be incited
to labour with great zeal for the utter abo-
lition of the slave trade and of slavery.

The importance of rightly training the youth
from an early age has again claimed
our serious attention and we cannot better
convey our present concerns than by receiving the
following ^{important} counsel:

We tenderly affectionately and earnestly entreat
such as are parents or have the care of children
that they be very early and firm in endeavouring
to habituate them to a due subjection of their
will that having maturely weighed the injunc-
tions which they find necessary to impose they
suffer them not to be discharged and disobeyed
The habit of obedience which may thus be
induced will render the relation of parent and
child additionally endearing and as it will
prepare the infant mind for a more ready
reception of the necessary restraints of the cross
it may be considered in part as preparing
the way of the Lord whilst those who neg-
lect to bind the tender minds of their children
to parental authority and connive at their early

tendencies to hurtful gratifications are more or less making way for the enemy and destroyer." 89

In connexion with the usual proceedings of this Meeting it has been reported that the sufferings of our members including the charges of disbairnt have amounted to upwards of twelve thousand nine hundred pounds. With a very few exceptions they have been incurred in support of our Christian testimony against tithes and other ecclesiastical claims. We have received epistles from all the American yearly Meetings and one from Ireland and can again observe that this mode of intercourse strengthens the bond of fellowships with our beloved and distant brethren.

we may thankfully acknowledge that after carefully reviewing the situation of our society we have no grounds for increased discouragements in regard to the state of things amongst us. We have had abundant cause to speak well of the goodness and power of our Heavenly Father whose banner over us has been love; and in conclusion we desire reverently to commend you to God and to the word of his grace which is able to build you up and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified."

Signed in and on behalf of the Meeting by

Josiah Foster
Clerk to the meeting this year.

A Testimony of the denial of Mowry Saker

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Richmond 22^d of the 9th mo 1825. —

Whereas Mowry Saker has had a right of Membership in our society but not attending to the pointings of Truth hath transgressed our rules in arresting a Member for grave stones which he was appointed by the Monthly Meeting to remove and after being labored with to stay proceedings still continued in his erroneous measures therefore this Meeting disowns unity with him as a member untill he shall return and make satisfaction

Signed in and on behalf of the above said Meeting

By Elijah Harkness ~~Clerk~~

A Certificate for the children of Uriah Gillson

To Richmond Monthly Meeting of Friends
Dear Friends

Allen Bennet Gillson Lucy Taft Gillson and Gilbert Gillson members of our Society and miners children of Uriah Gillson junr having removed with their Parents to live within the verge of your Meeting we recommend them to your Christian care and oversight —

We remain your friends.

Signed by direction of Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7th mo 27th — 1826 —

John Osborne ~~Clerk~~
Lydia B. Coe

(1. Testimony of the denial of Smith & Kelly
from Richmond Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
Richmond, the 15th of June 1824

Whereas Smith & Kelly both had a right of
membership in our religious society, having ac-
quired same our religious principles by neglecting
the attendance of our Meetings and joining himself
to a Militia for which he hath been laboured
with without satisfaction we therefore disown unity
with him as a member untill he shall return and
make satisfaction.

Witnessed in and by order of our Meeting
By Elijah Markness, Clerk

From our yearly Meeting of Friends held in
Rhodisland for the purpose in the 18th of June 1824
To our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings
Dear Friends

In contemplating the state of our Society we
perceive the answers to the Queries & the
and a great deal of this meeting on account of the many
deficiencies in the support of the various testimonies
which they brought to view and gave rise to much
painful and feeling counsel and advice, and
to the expression of an ardent desire for the
removal of things which stand in the way of our
improvement as a highly professing people, and
it was thought right that an individual should be
made to convey to our absent brethren such an
account of these and other exercises as would have
led to it at this season as might lead them
to participate therein and have a tendency to
strengthen and encourage the hands of those who
are engaged in their respective stations
and to awaken the careless and supine to a sense
of their danger

We have the pleasure to hear that your
 strong affection to observe the great object of your
 religious meetings (and I suppose of those held
 in the middle of the week) which is apparent in
 many of our members; and we would affectionately
 inquire if such as thus appear to be devoted to this
 reasonable service a small portion of that time
 for which they are indebted to the continuous mercy
 of their heavenly Father by presenting their bodies
 living sacrifices, daily acceptable unto him and
 to wait upon him for the removal of their iniquities
 but they can be expected to converse in the choir
 with indifference; when they are called upon to give an
 account of their stewardship when him to whom it is so
 large allotted in a state of probation to lay down their
 heads in peace?

A more diligent perusal of the holy scriptures and
 frequent and reverent reading of them in our families
 is a collective duty looking to him for instruction
 whom when inspiration they have given forth was
 also solemnly recommended to us and to have testi-
 mony borne to the efficacy of this practice in rightly
 sustaining and centering the mind among the
 vocations and trials of the day.

Much excuse was felt on account of the dissemination
 and removal of the pernicious and hurtful publications
 of the present time which we believe cannot be more
 impressively conveyed to our absent brethren than
 in the language of the discipline of this year by stating
 we earnestly exhort all parents heads of families and
 guardians of minors that they prevent as in them
 as their children and others under their care and tuition
 from having and reading books and papers tending to
 prejudice the profession of the Christian religion to
 create the least doubt concerning the authority of

and by the influence of the many books which
 have been published since the foundation of the
 and a foundation laid for the greatest evils. — And
 it is our desire to be united in the spirit of all
 those in which the evil and the good are
 in their are many under the specious titles of promo-
 ting religion and morality which contain doctrines
 repugnant to the truth in Christ Jesus.

It is very connected with this interesting subject the
 the more guarded education of the children and youth
 of the society was feelingly recommended to our consid-
 eration that their tender and susceptible minds may
 be preserved from the contaminating influence of
 improper examples and associations not only leaving
 them all from the simplicity of the truth and a
 submission to the restraints of the cross, in dress
 and address and from the support of our testimony
 against the vain amusements of the world but in
 any instances allowing the way for improper con-
 versation in marriage; and a fervent desire was expressed
 that parents and others in trust with the care of
 the young more and more become sensible of the great
 responsibility of the charge committed to them
 and that after a right qualification to discharge
 it as in the sight of him to whom they must give an
 account.

We have at this as at other times been painfully affected
 by the consideration that some of our members continue
 to indulge themselves in the improper use of ardent spirits
 a practice peculiarly reprehensible to us who profess to
 be to hold up a standard to others and particularly
 so at a time when the subject has engaged the atten-
 tion of other religious societies who are making un-
 common efforts to discover and remove this great evil
 and we entreat all our members not to hinder in
 their endeavours in this respect.

91 We have reverently been made sensible that a deep
or individual engagement of mind & more fervent
labour for that Cause which perisheth not is too
much wanting among us; but we have been en-
couraged by the belief that there are those who are
winning in the various classes of society, the aged
the middle aged and the youth in whom a heart
felt exercise for their own preservation and for the
promotion of the cause of truth is being main-
tained; and as these continue to look to the giver of
every good and perfect gift for direction and guidance
in their humble endeavours; we are made thankful
in believing that a blessing will attend their efforts
for the removal of hurtful things from within our
borders.

More particular attention to answering the queries
in a full and explicit manner as directed by the
discipline is recommended to be enjoined upon
all our subordinate Meetings:

Signed on behalf of said Meeting

W. W. W. W.
S. S. S. S.
C. C. C. C.

Minutes of the Yearly School Committee.
 appeared at the quarterly meeting the 18th.
 The first business in the evening of the important
 reported to them by the yearly meeting, three former
 members of a time to time to recur. At the great
 assembly the yearly meeting itself was considered
 in. Friends have contributed to the funds of the
 school and which they think cannot be better
 expressed than in the language of one of its early friends and
 most liberal benefactors; that our Christian and
 our religious parents, education
 and the influence of the
 simplicity of the truth and their meek
 and quiet spirit exhibited by our blessed Lord
 and his dear apostles. It was in accordance with such views that the com-
 mittee were induced in the 5th month 1813, soon
 after the meeting, to propose to the yearly meeting
 a minute to the several churches, stating
 which in 1812 was agreed to under the
 sanction of the yearly meeting viz:
 It was agreed necessary from experience during
 the opening of the institution that more gen-
 eral circumspection should be exercised in sending
 children to the school. In the 1st mo 1813
 and to preserve the order necessary to carry the object
 of the yearly meeting into more complete effect.
 and to inform the friends to whom applications
 may be made by parents or guardians of children
 who are desirous of placing them at the school, that
 the friends are desirous to consider it their duty

Not only to inspire that the children come in a plain dress and in the use of the plain scriptural language, but that they are of good habits; and that they give accounts of their conduct, for the information of the Superintendents and Instructors at the school. The Committee are desirous to be their duty, to recommend to the Monthly Meetings as a matter of extension to these reports, and to the appointment of such committees be received by them to act in connexion with the members of this committee if any who may reside within the limits of each district. And the

And as children have in several instances been brought to the school without any recommendation or minute from the Committee of the Monthly Meetings and through an unwillingness to subject their Parents or others to inconvenience have been admitted notwithstanding.

It is now concluded after deliberately considering the subject and with the preservation of high order and the good of the Institution set by in view that after a reasonable time for the circulation of this conclusion the Superintendents be instructed not to receive any Children without such Certificate.

In all cases of a doubtful nature that may come before them the Committees of the Monthly Meetings are requested to make application (by letter addressed to the Superintendent) to the acting committee of the Institution which meets at the school house in Providence on the third day after the last fifth day in each month as a further means of promoting simplicity of manners and among the children and to prevent the injurious effects of a contrary example the Superintendents are authorized to direct that such apparel as the children bring with them that is deemed inconsistent with the plainness that truth should be laid aside during their residence at the school or the necessary alterations made and the expense charged.

All an Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island in the 6th, Month, 1827. The following report of the Boarding School Committee being read and considered is approved and the Clerk is directed to forward copies thereof to our Quarterly Meetings that it may be transmitted by them to the several Monthly Meetings. From the minutes of 5 Meeting

Abraham Shearman and Co

The Yearly Meeting Boarding School Committee report.

That they have given their attention to the concerns of the Institution, during the past year, and it is satisfactory to them to be able to state to the Yearly Meeting, that it continues to afford an encouraging prospect of a happy termination.

The school is still under the charge of Enos and Joseph Burdett as superintendents, with the assistance of David Daniels, George Jones, Abigail Pierce, and Mary Momy, are employed as teachers. The average number of scholars for the year past, has been one hundred and ten. Meetings for visiting have been held, and have frequently been attended by some of the committee. The family has been well managed and the general conduct and improvement of the children have been satisfactory.

The account of the Treasurer of the School Fund has been received and audited. The receipts for the year past, together with the income of the fund, have proved about equal to the expenditure. It is again concluded to admit one child from each Monthly Meeting, six months, or two children three months each free of expense, provided they have been recommended by the Monthly Meeting. The Yearly Meeting.

The Yearly Meeting having received the additional sum of fifty thousand dollars, the annual income of which was bequeathed for the benefit of this institution, our late friend Obadiah Burdett

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We have concluded to propose to the yearly Meeting that children who are members of this Yearly Meeting be admitted after the first of Seventh Month next at fourteen dollars per quarter; and that the Committee consider such surplus as may remain to be at their disposal in aid of the charitable fund of the Institution having a prudent regard to the present and probable general expense thereof. We are desirous that it may be generally understood and particularly by the Committees of Monthly Meetings that all applications for the admission of children who are not members of our society must be made to the acting Committee at Providence; and that all applications for the admission of Boys who are members if over the age of twelve years must be made to the same Committee which was at the school house in Providence on the third day following the last fifth day in each month.

We put it to our unity, again to recommend to the attention of Parents and others having the care of children, and to the Committees of Monthly Meetings, the previous notices of this Committee on the interesting subject of Slavery, and particularly the estimates accompanying the report for 1825 which we hope will contribute to the great end of the Yearly Meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Noses W. Brown.

Mary A. Robinson.

Providence, 5th Month, 1827.

From our quarterly Meeting of Indiana held at White
Water by adjournment from the 2^d of the 10th to the
7th of the same inclusive 1826

To the next yearly Meeting to be
held on "Pond Island" for 1827 England.

(Dear Friends,

Your epistle of the 5th Mo. last came
early to hand and was read in this Meeting to our edifi-
cation and we believe that a communication of this kind
if maintained under the influence of that which enters
into our own society will continue to be benighted thereby.
This our annual assembly has been measurably owned
by him who has gathered us to be all together in ap-
pearance in the robes of our commonal meetings that
there are few things still existing among us on
the account of which our body hath been brought into
much exercise and travail many labouring for
the welfare of our Zion, and the support of the
truths as zealously maintained by our own
fellowmen.

A living concern hath been manifested
that parents and heads of families have
more and more concerned for the welfare of their
children and during the course of this
meeting we have received a message from
our Indian neighbours, of the same nature;
informing that during a council which had been
held among them, whilst they were under con-
cern on account of the many deviations from
their ancient simplicity, and were labouring to
reform their people they likewise felt a concern
for us, stating that in former days they knew
us from the people of Israel to the simplicity
of our appearance which in times of war had
been of great service to us but that now they have
learned that there are many amongst us whom
they have seen in the world who are not of the
same kind of simplicity. This message was issued from a general
Council of the nation held at Wabashville and given in
charge to our representatives therein with the pressing desires that
we as a society generally would labour with these

our dwelling members and if possible bring them back to that simplicity which will again distinguish us as the children of the great spirit. Several testimonies were heard and we zealously engaged in endeavouring to bring about measures which may effect the desired reformation and we desire that the hands of the laborers every where may be strengthened to labour effectually in the Church of Christ. May these by a constant reliance on divine protection, dwelling on the only safe ground of true humility, experience a growing stronger and stronger in that faith which works by love to the purifying of the heart. The earnest solicitude hath been manifested for the young and rising generation and we have a comfortable hope that there is a number of this class amongst us under the qualifying hand of the great Master for usefulness in the Church. We earnestly desire that wherever there may be encouraged to keep an eye single to Him who is both ready and willing to help all who may put their trust in ~~him~~ the arm of his omnipotent power. By reports from some of our Quarterly Meetings on the subject of spirituous liquors it appears that our testimony against the unnecessary use of that destructive article has made some advancement in the past and still continues to be a subject of importance to many amongst us. And according to the reports of one Committee on Indiana affairs. It appears that our care towards that wandering race of people has been productive of considerable benefit which care continues still to be extended. The condition of the People of Colour continues to claim a portion of our attention the report of our Committee on that concern has been satisfactory. We have been favoured at this time to transact the business which has come before in harmony and conciliations under a sense of which we conclude and remain your Friends

Signed in behalf of the afore-said Meeting
James M. Egan, Clerk

At our yearly Meeting of Friends held on Rhode's land for New England in the 6th mo 1827, believing that the epistle received at this time from our Friends of the yearly Meeting of Indiana may be usefully spread before our members in our subordinate meetings the Clerk is directed to have it translated and forwarded to them. Clerk
From the Minutes of S. Meeting. Abraham Shearman f

The Bible from the yearly meeting held in London by arrangement from the 1st of the 4th to the 31st of the same inclusive 1827 To the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings of Friends in Great Britain Ireland and elsewhere. Dear Friends.

We who have been permitted to assemble to transact the concerns of this Meeting have recently to acknowledge that it has been good for us that we have come together. It has been a comfort to behold the countenances one of another and to be sensible of the prevalence of that Christian love and fellowship which invigorate the mind as we pass along the arduous path of life. and we feel it to be a duty to inform all our beloved brethren and sisters that the Lord in his continued mercy has enabled us to proceed in the deliberations of this Meeting in much brotherly love.

What then dear Friends prevents our becoming wholly a spiritually minded people a Church though small well compacted and fitted together and built up in Christ Jesus our Lord? We fear that sin and transgression are separating some amongst us from Him and thus preventing them from becoming living branches in the true vine. O! that such would ably in faith to the great Physician unto Him who hath loved us freely who would heal our diseases and present us faultless before the presence of his glory. May we all narrowly examine ourselves in the light of Christ and see how far we are engaged with his part well that we may as a religious body shine with brightness with that brightness which if the fault were not our own the Lord in his unmerited goodness would cause to break forth amongst us.

Vital Christianity consists not in words but in power and however important it is that we have a right apprehension of the doctrines of the gospel this avails not unless we are regenerated by the power of the holy ghost. We therefore tenderly entreat all to wait in humble faith for its quickning influence and to seek to have their hearts contrited before the Lord. Then we believe that they will know for themselves of his great goodness and as they continue from time to time profiting profiting by what they learn in the way of life and salvation but not trusting to it they will partake of that living bread which cometh down from heaven they will drink of those living waters which no visit the soul unto eternal life. This course of Christian experience we earnestly desire for every one among us. It is an individual work but it is indispensable for all. It may often be slow in its progress but it is

certain in its effects and amongst the blessed consequences which it begets we count it to be an establishment in Christ resting not from any speculative system of belief but from a heart felt acquaintance with his power inwardly revealed to the soul.

When sustained by false doctrines or when in the support of our views of Christian practice trials are our portion knowing in whom we have believed we can look in him as our firm reliance unto Him. Resignation under the various trials incident to human life is often the happy attainment of the patient Christian traveller; these may arise to him from our own afflictions or from the persecutions of the society of faithful Christian friends: he may be cast down from not feeling those evidences of the love of God or of the clear guidance of the Spirit of Truth which his soul would desire. "But a frequent recurrence to past mercies and to numberless blessings still bestowed upon us should warm the heart with gratitude and animate it with the belief that all these things will be blessed as means by which we may become of the pure in heart who shall see God. Wait then dear Friends upon Him: be of good courage and he will strengthen your hands those who have felt the effects of a sincere love should be often considering whether they are making an open confession of him before men and cherishing the love that others may become full partakers of the blessings of the Gospel. We speak not here of the preaching of the word highly as we esteem this when exercised in the power and life of the Holy Spirit; but of that faithful adherence to sound principles and consistent practice of which in our intercourse with the world we ought to give proof. At the same time it is very important that we abide in true humility and in the fear of the Lord and that we earnestly and patiently wait to know the service assigned to us in the Church. All if they are faithful to the manifestation of the light of Truth may be employed in its service and as they order their conversation aright though it may be in the private walks of life others seeing their good works may be led to glorify our Father who is in heaven. We have in this Meeting been led to the reflection that one of the great benefits of religious society is that it places us under the care one of another and that we are called upon to watch over each other for good. When we see any of our brethren or sisters overtaken with a fault or neglecting an important duty we ought to cherish a solicitude

for their improvement and in that spirit which would lead them to Christ to offer each counsel or encouragement as we may think best calculated to help them. Much depends on the manner in which advice is given and on one embracing the right opportunity to convey it. If it should not immediately have a salutary effect we are not to be too much discouraged we ought to take heart that we are not yet impatient or discouraged but repeat our efforts in the spirit of love and forbearance. The result of this Christian concern for our friends is often greater than is at the time apparent.

In the exercise of this duty it becomes those who have the earliest opportunity of knowing the faults of others seriously to consider on all occasions whether they ought not to intervene to prevent them before they disclose the matter to another. At the same time we believe it has often happened that the lengthened concealment of the sins of our friends from those who were best qualified to advise them has been productive of serious injury which might have been prevented by an early yet prudent disclosure to those of greater experience.

And we recommend to such of our young friends as know and approve what is excellent and may have been strengthened in some small degree to practice it not to shrink from modestly yet faithfully counselling their associates in early sin when they may be resisting from the force of duty. A tender caution may be received with peculiar advantage when there is shown this good know that their counsellors are still alike subject to the same temptations to which they are exposed and when we may sometimes happens the reverse as well as the social we may call for the extension of the hand of help. There is a humility and sweetness combined with a noble firmness of character arising from the expansive influence of Christian love which ought to actuate all our endeavors for the good of others. It is then our friends that that in your benevolent exertions to promote the temporal the moral or the religious welfare of your fellow men that your whole conduct may be marked by an unobtrusive Christian temper that when associated with your friends and neighbors on these occasions it may be manifest that your great concern is to live under the influence of that wisdom which is from above which is pure peaceable gentle and easy to be entreated without partiality and without hypocrisy full of mercy and full of good fruits.

The pure exercise of Christian kindness brings with it its own reward: but to be pure it must have its origin in the love of God which promises love to man and the satisfaction is never so great the efforts are never steady as when we continually bear in mind that we are to commit all our exertions to the blessing of Him whose providential eye is over all and who is continually caring for the welfare of his holy land.

Our friends of Ireland and of each of the Yearly Meetings in America have been brought to our remembrance with feelings of Christian love by the reading of the epistles which they have respectively addressed to us. It has been every way acceptable to find that our brethren on the other side of the Atlantic are in various places alive to the enormities of slavery and diligent in their endeavours to expose the iniquity of the internal slave trade carried on in the southern and south-western states of the union. The desolating and widely extending effects of this dreadful traffic whether we turn our attention to Africa to America and the West India Islands or to other parts of the globe are indeed enormous and mournfully distressing. Much remains to be done before this foul disgrace is removed from the Christian name; but we are comforted in believing that not only in this country but elsewhere the cause of the oppressed is gaining ground and as its advocates continue to labour with zeal and perseverance in the spirit of the Gospel we entertain no doubt that they will have just cause to rejoice and that ultimately Slavery with the ills resulting from it will be unknown amongst the subjects of those governments where the pure and just precepts of Christianity are professed.

The amount of sufferings of our members as reported to this Meeting including the Charges of Distraint is upwards fourteen thousand six hundred pounds.

We have no cause to believe that our ancient testimony against all ecclesiastical demands is losing ground amongst us but we think it right to revive in your remembrance those considerations which lead to its adoption and which have induced our pious predecessors to undergo many and grievous hardships in its support. You know beloved friends that it has been the uniform belief of our Society that our blessed Lord and Saviour by his coming put an end to that Priesthood and to the provision for its support as well as to those

Commercial sense which were her enemies and that he came to introduce a dispensation pure and spiritual in its nature. The present system of Bibles against which our early friends as well as ourselves have borne testimony was no institution of our Holy Father and High Priest the great Christian Saviour. It had no existence in the purist and earliest age of his Church but was gradually introduced as a superstition and a mockery to the Christian world. It is further our belief and it has ever been that of the Society that the Ministry of the Gospel is to be without money and without price that as the gift is free the exercise of it is to be free also that the office is to be filled by those only who feel themselves called of God through the witness of the Holy Spirit who in their preaching as well as in their private respect lives and conversation are giving proof of this call. Impressed as we are with these views we feel ourselves conscientiously restrained from the payment of those demands which are made for the support of such a system or from any compromise whereby such a payment is to be insured. If for the maintenance of an established ministry is in our apprehension a violation of those great privileges which God in his wisdom and goodness designed to bestow upon the human race when he sent his Son to redeem the world and to send forth the Holy Spirit to lead and guide mankind into all truth. Whilst thus setting forth the grounds of this testimony we gratefully remember the kindness with which our religious neighbours are often regarded by those who have to support and to enforce the laws by which we are affected.

Dear friends, — As we have been permitted at this time unitedly to partake of the mercies of our Heavenly Father and to feel our confidence in Him to be renewed in the belief that he is watching over us as a religious society for good may we all so live in his fear that we may availingly pray for his blessing and acknowledge Him in all our ways that He may direct our paths while here and finally admit us an admission into his heavenly kingdom through Jesus Christ our Lord,

In the love of the Gospel we cordially bid you farewell.

Signed in and on behalf of the Meeting, by
Josiah Foster

Clerk to the Meeting this year —

Extract from the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in Philadelphia in adjournment from the 1st to the 23rd month of the 18th 1824—namely, their certificate of that date. On considering the difficulty and embarrassment in which Meetings may be involved for want of knowing whether certificates which may be produced to them are issued by Meetings in unity with us several Friends are appointed in each of our Quarterly Meetings as correspondants one or more of whom are to sign (in addition to the usual mode of signing) all certificates of removal and all other certificates & minutes given forth for Friends and it is requested in order that certificates may duly reach the Meetings to which they are directed that they may be addressed or sent to one of those Friends. The names of the correspondants with their respective places of residence are subjoined.

- Philadelphia Quarter—Joseph Whitaker, Muncy.
 John Lee Lecter
 John Paul } Philadelphia.
 Isaac W. Horrid
 Abington Quarter—Charles Shoemaker, Abington.
 Jesse Spencer, Gwynedd.
 James Bell, Stroudsburg.
 Bucks Quarter—Joseph Satterthwaite Falls township } Delaware Co.
 Benjamin Higgins Whites Town } Penn. Co.
 John W. Bidderson, Solisbury.
 Concord Quarter—Joseph Rhoads, Harple Township } Delaware Co.
 Nathan Sharpless Concord } Penns.
 John Forsy the West Goshen, Chester Co. Penn.
 Caln Quarter—Robert Moore, Salisbury.
 Thomas Jackson, Robinson } Chester Co, Penn.
 George W. Kirkbridge, Downingtown
 Western Quarter—Wm Bailey, Lancaster, Pa.
 Edward W. Temple, Parkersville Post Office } Chester Co Penn.
 Thomas Lambourn, New Garden.
 Burlington Du Wm Nelson, Burlington City.
 Wm. Wrenbold Upper Springfield, } New Jersey
 Samuel Bunting Crosswicks Burlington, Co.
 Daniel Proker, Duckerton.
 Haddonfield Du, Barzilla Leeds, Egg Harbor }
 John Gill Haddonfield } New Jersey
 Joseph Matlack, Moorlorton.
 Joshua Stokes Upper Meriam.
 Salem Du Samuel Webster Woodbury }
 Caspar Miller, Salem. } New Jersey
 George Bacon, Greenwick }

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for 1825, held on Rhode Island in the 6th Mo 1825.

The following Report of the Boarding School Committee having been read and considered is satisfactory to their standing and the Yearly Meeting is directed to forward Copies thereof to our several Monthly Meetings for their information.

From the minutes of the Meeting aforesaid
(Clerk) Abraham Searman Jr.

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Boarding School Committee Report that they have given their attention to the concerns of the Institution during the past year and feel encouraged to believe that the expectations of Friends in regard to its usefulness to the children and youth of the Society will be realized.

The School is continued under the charge of Crook and Lydia Board as Superintendents. Sarah Jones, George Jones & Moses & Mitchell & Elizabeth & Mary & Anne and Lydia B. & Ellen as Teachers. The average number of Scholars for the year past has been one hundred and twenty one and their General Conduct and improvement have been satisfactory to the Committee.

Meetings for worship have been regularly held and occasionally attended by some of the Committee. The family has been preserved in a good degree of harmony.

The account of the Treasurer of the School fund has been received and audited and the state of the fund is such that the Committee think it safe to propose to the Yearly Meeting that Children whose members of this Yearly Meeting be admitted after the first of 7th month at twelve and a half Dollars per quarter and that the several Monthly Meetings have the privilege of sending one child through the year or two Children six months each free of expense and that should any surplus remain that the Committee may consider it well to appropriate that it may be at their disposal in aid of the charitable funds of this Institution. The Committee feel it to be their duty again to recommend to the attention of parents and others having the care of Children and to the Committee of Monthly Meetings their previous advices on the interesting subject of plainness and particularly the Articles accompanying their report in 1825, which were printed and distributed by direction of the Yearly Meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Committee
Moses Brown.
Elizabeth Congdon.

Providence 5th mo 2, 1825

A Testimony of the Denial of Endol Boyce.

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
Richmond the 21st of the 1st mo 1830 wherein
Boyce hath had a right of membership in our reli-
gious society but has departed from the good order
and amongst us in wholly neglecting the attendance
of our Meetings and married with one not of our
religious society for which he hath been rebuked with-
out satisfaction we therefore disown him
with him as a member until he shall return
and make satisfaction signed in and by direction
of S^d Meeting ----- By, Elijah Harkness Clerk

A Testimony of the denial of Daniel Bassett son

4 years

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held
at Richmond the 24th of the 1st mo 1830
wherein Daniel Bassett son of 4 years hath had
a right of membership in our religious society but
having absented himself from his parents and
married with one not of our religious society for
which we disown him with him as a member
until he shall return and make satisfaction
signed in and by direction of S^d Meeting

By, Elijah Harkness Clerk

A Certificat of removal Allen B. Gillson

To Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends Allen B. Gillson son of Maria
Gillson has removed to live within compass of your
Meeting at Cornubland these are to certify on his
behalf that he is a member of our Society as usual
we recommend him to your care.

Signed in and by direction of Richmond Monthly
Meeting held 20th of 5th mo 1830 Elijah Harkness
Clerk

110 At Our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New
England held on Rhode Island
from the 14th to the 18th of 6th mo inclusive 1879
The following report of the Boarding School commit-
tee was read and considered and being satis-
factory to the Meeting the clerk is directed to forward
Copys thereof to our several Monthly Meetings
From the Minutes of a Meeting (Chk)
Abraham Shearman

To the yearly Meeting.

The Boarding School Committee Report that in the
pursuance of their appointment they have paid
attention to the superintendence of the Institution
for the year past and believe that its various concern^s
have been conducted in accordance with the design
of Friends in its establishment and Meetings for
worship have been regularly kept up.

The School has been conducted during the past
year under the care of Enoch and Lydia Bred
as Superintendants who still remain in that
capacity and Stephen and Hannah Gould
have been usefully engaged as assistants in the
Cares of the Institution for a few months past.
Isaiah Jones, Moses Mitchell, Joseph Hoag,
Abigail Pierce, Mary Almy, Lydia B. Allen
and Sarah Fry, have been engaged as Teachers
during most of the year. Several of these have
left or are about leaving the School and the
and the Committee have made and are making
arrangements to supply their places.

The greatest number of scholars at any one
time as reported to the Committee was one Hundred
and eighty four the average number during the year
one hundred and thirty five and the good con-
duct and improvement manifested has been gen-
erally satisfactory to the Committee.

The accounts of the Treasurer of the School fund
and of the Superintendant have been received and
audited and the state of the fund is such that

The Committee think it safe to propose to the yearly Meeting that Children who are members of this yearly Meeting continue to be admitted at twelve Dollars and a half per quarter and that the several Monthly Meetings again have the privilege of sending one child through the year or two children six months each free of expense and that when from any peculiar-ity, of circumstances the committees of Monthly Meetings may consider it desirable to send a child for three months only they have the liberty of doing it provided that no more than two children be at the ins-titution at one time from the same Monthly Meeting on this privilege. And being apprised the two Monthly Meetings on Nantucket have been united into one Meeting the Committee after considering the circum-stance propose that the united Meeting have the same privilege of sending children to the school as has been enjoyed heretofore by the two Monthly Meetings Separately.

Signed on behalf of the Committee by

Providence 15th mo. 8. 1829

Moses Brown
Mary B. Allen

At our yearly Meeting of Friends for New Eng-land held on Rhode Island (1830)

from the 13th to the 18th inclusive of the 6th mo.

The following report of the Boarding School Com-mittee was received and read satisfactory to this Meeting Copies thereof were directed to be sent forwarded to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings

To the yearly Meeting

The Boarding School Committee report that they have during the past year endeavored to promote the objects confided to their care by the yearly Meeting in the superintendence of the Institution and are thankful in being able to state that its various concerns have been in a good degree in accordance

112 with the design of Friends in its establishment. Meetings for worship have been regularly kept up and the family preserved in harmony.

The school is continued under the immediate charge of Enoch and Lydia Breed as superintendants in which they have the assistance of Stephen and Hannah Gould, Benjamin B. Hussey, Moses Mitchell Joseph Hoag Deborah Ramsdell Lydia B. Allen and Sarah Fry have been employed as teachers during most of the past year with the exception of Benjamin B. Hussey whose state of health was such in the autumn as to render it necessary for him to retire from the school. during his absence Joseph Healey was employed as an associate Teacher Benjamin B. Hussey is about to resume the discharge of his former duties and Moses A. Cartland has been recently engaged as an assistant in the Boys department and Phoebe Burgess in the girls. The average number of scholars during the year has been one hundred and twenty seven.

The accounts of the Treasurer of the school fund and of the superintendant have been received and audited and the state of the fund continues to be such that as to induce the Committee to propose that Children who are Members of this yearly Meeting continue to be admitted at twelve and a half Dollars per quarter and that the privilege of sending Children free of expence be continued as last year.

The Committee being clearly of the opinion that Children would receive much greater benefit by being sent to the school for a term of time not less than six months Friends and Monthly Meetings are therefore advised not to send them for a shorter space of time when it can be conveniently avoided.

Friends are also advised not to send Boys over the age of fourteen years to the school untill they have first obtained the approbation of the school Committee which meets at Providence the third day after the last fifth day in each month.

on behalf of the Committee

Moses Brown
Mary B. Allen

Providence 5. mo. 7. 1830

At Our Yearly Meeting of Friends friends for New England held in the 6th mo. 1830.

During the consideration of the society as presented by the trustees to the queries much pertinent and feeling counsel and advice was freely offered. we were impressively reminded that love to god is the foundation of love to the brethren and that where this love prevails the mind there will be no neglect of the important duty of assembling ourselves together for the purpose of worshipping Him from whom are all our blessings and who calls for this dwelling in this love we should be favoured to witness preservation from the strangeness of feeling towards our brethren which once finding a place in the human mind and being thus cherished has led step by step to the most awful and desolating consequences. We were at the same time emphatically reminded of the more subtle transformations of the enemy of all good in his appearances as an angel of light and faithfully admonished of impending dangers to those who should listen to his artful insinuity and dissimulation could alone preserve us the subject of plainness of apparel and deportment was feeling adverted to

as not only consistent with our profession and right in itself but as a means of preservation from unprofitable associations leading the mind from the simplicity of the Truth into the spirit and maxims of the world and the contaminating influences of fashionable life. It was adverted to as manifesting in the youth not only an evidence of the care on the one hand of a parent concerned to promote the best interests of his beloved children and on the other of youthful obedience and regard to the feelings of such a parent but as manifesting in many instances the operation of divine grace on the heart leading to its adoption from principle. Parents were fervently entreated not to relax in the exercise of a watchful care in this and other respects but to seek for their qualification which increasing by enable them to take the children by the hand and in the impressive language of example as well as precept call upon them to follow them as they are endeavouring to follow Christ; that thus they may grow up as tender plants and that instead of the Fathers their may be the sons rightly qualified to take their places in a faithful discharge of the important duties that must ere long devolve upon them.

The advantages of an early and of a continued acquaintance with the Holy Scriptures by a frequent and attentive perusal of them was feelingly dwelt upon. We were also forcibly reminded of the importance of a faithful maintenance of our testimony, in regard to the use of spirituous liquors particularly when at a time when the public mind is becoming so fully convinced on this subject and of bearing a faithful testimony to our belief in the peaceable nature of the Redeemer's kingdom and against the spirit of war.

On the latter subject a feeling appeal was made to our members in the young walks of life to evince their gratitude for the favours which are extended to them in an exemption from the burthen of military services by great circumspection in giving no just occasion to any to call in question the sincerity of their profession by being present as spectators at military parades or otherwise but that in all their conduct they may shew to others that they are indeed conscientiously scrupulous of bearing arms and thus become qualified to advance the cause of peace and truth in the earth which being in unison with the concern of this Meeting the Clerk is directed to forward Transcripts of this minute to our several Quarterly Meetings.

We are informed by a New York Yearly Meeting that the following Friends are appointed correspondents for the purpose of authenticating certificates in the place of Friends deceased viz;

James Birdsall of Marlborough Mo. Meeting Cornwall Quarterly Meeting address Newburgh Orange Co. N. Y. David Aldrich of East Hoosac Mo. Meeting Easton Quarterly Meeting address South Adams Berkshire Co. Mass James Robson of Hartland Mo. Meeting Farmington Quarterly Meeting address Johnsons Creek Oregon Co. N. Y.

By Baltimore Yearly Meeting that it has appointed for gunpowder Monthly Meeting Jesse Scott John Scott.

Deer Creek Mo. Meeting Samuel Worthington Elisha Cook Nottingham and Little Britain Mo. Meeting Thomas Waring Joseph Balan as correspondents in addition to those appointed last year one of whom is to sign

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in addition to the usual signatures of the Clerks
all minutes and certificates issued by their Mon-
thly or Quarterly Meetings for members or
ministers of our religious Society.

Our Quarterly Meetings are requested in future
to acknowledge in their accounts to the Yearly
Meeting the receipt and disposition made of
minutes and papers transmitted to them
by its direction.

It was concluded to raise eight Hundred Dollars
for the service of the ensuing year and the
several Quarterly Meetings were requested to
forward their respective proportions of that
sum to our Treasurer.

Copied by direction from the Minutes of
the Meeting aforesaid by

Abm. Sherman. Sec. Clerk.

The Epistle from London. Yearly Meeting
5th Mo 1830. Dear Friends

We address you in the love of the gospel and
have to acknowledge that we have felt it a privilege
again to meet in this our annual assembly and to
be united in religious exercise for the welfare of
our society and the prosperity of the kingdom
of our blessed Lord and Saviour. Brotherly har-
mony and love have prevailed in the many im-
portant deliberations with which we have been oc-
cupied: our coming together has tended to the con-
firmation of our faith and humble gratitude has
been raised to our heavenly Father for his number-
less and unmerited mercies.

Our dear brethren in Ireland and on the American
continent have been afresh brought to our remem-
brance by Epistles from all their Yearly Meetings.
We take comfort in the persuasion that although
locally distant from each other we are united

in the faith and hope of the Gospel. In the 117
great and sore trials among Friends in America
which have ended in the separation of many from our
society a large proportion remain who have been
strengthened to stand firm in their allegiance to our
holy redeemer.

Reports of the sufferings of our members which amount
including the costs and charges of disrepair to upwards
of fourteen thousand six hundred pounds and are
almost exclusively for ecclesiastical demands have
been read in this Meeting. We renewedly desire
that our ancient and well known testimony
on behalf of a free gospel ministry and against
all the demands made upon us to uphold a
system from which we conscientiously dissent may
be maintained with Christian consistency and in
the spirit of meekness.

Dear Friends we are again made sensible that we
cannot meditate on a subject more fraught with
instruction and comfort than the coming of the
son of God in the flesh and the many blessings
which through him have been conferred on the
human race — the coming of Him who being
born of a virgin was made in the likeness of men
who being in the form of God thought it not robbery
to be equal with God but made himself of no reput-
ation and took upon him the form of a servant
He "was delivered for our offences and was rais-
ed again for our justification.

He ascended on high He led captivity cap-
tive He received gifts for men yea for the rebel-
lious also that the Lord God might dwell among
them. He sitteth on the right hand of God mak-
ing intercession for us. He is made unto us of God
wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and
redemption, and unto Him we must look as our
mediator and advocate with the Father He
emphatically describes himself as the good
shepherd He is our Lawgiver and solemn indeed
is the declaration that we must all appear
before His judgment seat to receive our reward
according to the deeds done in the body whether

118 they be bad or good. We feel that it is not a light matter thus to advert again to the various offices of the son and sent of the Father and we beseech all whom we are addressing to contemplate these solemn truths with due reverence yet frequently to meditate thereon seeking for the assistance of the grace of God to direct their understandings aright. As this is done with humble and believing hearts the conviction will increase and ultimately become settled that it is a great mercy to know individually that we have not a High Priest who cannot be touched with a feeling of our infirmities but who was in all points tempted as we are yet without sin.

But blessed be God He has not only provided the means of reconciliation unto himself through the sacrifice of Christ He hath also through the same compassionate saviour granted unto us the gift of the Holy spirit. By this the patriarchs and the holy men of old who lived under the law walked acceptably with God Its more plentiful effusion and its powerful and life giving effects were distinctly foretold by the ancient prophets. Christ himself declared that it was expedient that he should go away that he might send the Comforter the spirit of Truth who should guide into all truth in allusion to whose coming He also said I will not leave you comfortless I will come to you To be guided by his spirit is the practical application of the Christian religion.

It is the light of Christ which enlightens the darkness of the heart of man and by following this light we are enabled to enjoy and maintain communion with him. The children of God are led by the spirit of God and this is the appointed means of bringing us into that of holiness without which no man shall see the Lord. It is not a doctrine of mysticism but one of practical piety.

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The great office of the Holy Spirit we firmly believe to be, to convince of sin to bring the soul to a state of deep and sincere repentance and to effect the work of Sanctification. A holy and constant watchfulness is required to preserve the mind alive to the guidance of this divine teacher, who is diligently sought after and waited for will be found to be a swift witness for God in the soul, brooding that tenderness of Spirit and that quickness of understanding in the fear of the Lord which are essential to our growth in grace. It is through him whom God hath forth to be a propitiation through faith in his Blood that we obtain pardon for sin and it is through the power of his Spirit working mightily in us, that we come eventually to experience freedom from sin. You know beloved Friends that faith in the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit has been an important part of our Christian profession from the origin of our Society to the present day, and it is at this time our renewed desire that from early life an acquaintance with this power may be inculcated and cherished. We affectionately exhort parents and all who have the care of children and of young persons constantly to bear in remembrance the great value of a tender conscience and to turn their attention to the secret instructions of divine grace reproving for evil and bringing peace for doing well.

Be concerned dear Friends of this class early to subject the minds of those entrusted to your charge encouraging them to fix their affections on things which are eternal set before them the necessity of being converted from the evil of their own hearts and kept clean from the sin which abounds in the world; impress them with a sense of the holiness and purity of God, and of his righteous law and whilst we would exhort you to continue to instruct them in the invaluable truths of the Bible may you lead them to seek after the practical application of these precepts and doctrines under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

120 By such a course of religious care and christian instruction carried on in simple humble dependance upon God you will perform the great and incumbent duty of bringing them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

It is in our apprehension of the highest moment that faith in the operation of the holy Spirit and a humble reliance on its guidance should regulate the lives and conduct of all who profess the christian name. By the power of the Spirit of God inwardly revealed and obeyed we are raised from our fallen and undone condition and prepared to inherit that place in the kingdom of Christ to which it is his gracious design that every one of us should come. We are called to walk in the light we are called to purity. O! then that we may seek to be brought low before the Lord — to be laid prostrate at the foot stool of his throne — to be contrited and broken in his holy presence.

Let us not value ourselves on any wisdom that we may think we have amongst men or place our trust upon what we may have done of ourselves or may have been enabled to do but acknowledge in sincerity that all that we have and all that we are is of the free and unmerited goodness of God. Let us each be concerned through the help of the Holy Spirit to experience true repentance and to put away the evil of our doings from before the Lord day by day pressing after an entire deliverance from the world the flesh and the devil remembering that all unrighteousness is sin and that to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not to him it is sin.

May we all dear friends avail ourselves of the great privilege of drawing nigh unto God in prayer of asking his assistance of his grace to help in time of need — of looking unto him as our merciful Father who is in Heaven assuredly believing that as he is approached in reverence and faith He will graciously answer our petitions and supply all our need in and through Christ Jesus.

To this sacred duty so forcibly enjoined in Holy 121
Scripture is correctly understood and performed ar-
right parents will become so sensible of its great value
to themselves that they will feel the importance of
turning their attention to their beloved off-
spring and as they seek for wisdom and strength to
act rightly herein they will be assisted by him to
whom they should desire that they and their
Children may be wholly dedicated.

As we are concerned to work out our own salvation
with fear and trembling the mind is elevated
above the fading objects of this life it acquires more
solidity and vigour and its eager pursuit is not after
those things which perish with the using; we feel
that the fashions the maxims and the pleasures
of the world are to be renounced by all who would
follow a crucified Redeemer and as we follow on to
know the Lord that true simplicity which the
Christian religion requires and to which our prop-
osition has peculiar references marks the general
demeanor and the heart is at times enriched
with the incomes of heavenly peace - of that
peace which passeth all understanding. +

The more we are brought under the influence of
the spirit of truth the more are the Holy Scriptures
those sacred records which were given forth under its
divine authority truly felt to proceed from God
and to direct the soul unto him we shall then
come to know what it is to meditate upon His pre-
cepts with great delight. And whilst ^{the} thankful
blessings of living under the Gospel the dispens-
ations of divine Providence under the Law will
be more fully acknowledged and understood to
our instruction and benefit.

Be intreated then dear Friends to press after true
Christian piety endeavour to show forth in your daily
intercourse among men that you really love
the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. This Love will
lead us to pity those whom we see involved in
distress or others who are pursuing the paths of fol-
ly and vice and with active and willing hearts
to promote those measures which tend to
diminish the sum of human woe.

122 In this meeting we have been deeply affected in reflecting upon the numerous evils and the great misery which attend the improper and immoderate use of ardent spirits now lamentably prevalent in this country. The continuance of slavery in the British Colonies and of the slave trade under foreign governments has impressed us with deep and renewed sorrow.

We have also earnestly desired that our legislature may proceed in mitigating the severity of the Criminal Code of our beloved country and thus make its laws more conformable to the spirit of the Christian religion. We would encourage our members individually to take a part with their fellow Countrymen in the efforts which are now making for the removal of these evils we desire that they may act with energy and perseverance yet with that love and respect towards all men and more especially towards our rulers which become our profession as Christians. At the same time we feel an affectionate solicitude that they may not be unduly anxious as to the fruit of their exertions but constantly bear in mind that in whatever way we may be engaged in the cause of Christ that cause is not ours but His. It is for us to be found in a meek and quiet spirit endeavoring to do our duty and thus to fill up the measure of usefulness designed for us by our Heavenly Father. True Christian love has no limits when it governs and takes possession of the heart it leads us to consider every country as our country and every man as our brother. Under we trust some sense of its heavenly influence and of the inestimable blessings of the Gospel of Christ we reverently desire that it may please the Lord to hasten the coming of that day when from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same, His name shall be great among the Gentiles and in every place incense shall be offered unto his name and a pure offering. Signed in and on behalf of the Meeting by Josiah Foster clerk to the M this year

A Testimony of the denial of
Osborne Howry

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From our monthly Meeting of Friends held
at Richmond 24 of 5th Mo 1832. -
where as Osborne Howry hath had a right of
membership in our religious society but having
neglected the attendance of our Meetings and com-
matted Marriage with one not in membership
with us we therefore disown unity with him
as a member untill he shall return and
make satisfaction.
Signed in and by direction of sd Meeting
By Elijah Harkness Clerk

From our yearly Meeting of Friends held
on Rhode Island 6th Mo 1832

To our several Quarterly Monthly and
Preparatives Meetings

Dear Friends The reading of the answers
to the Queries received from our several Quarterly
Meetings has introduced our minds into a deep felt
exercise in beholding the many and various dep-
artures from our profession therein brought to view
and in particular we have lamented the sor-
rowful want of faithfulness in the attendance
of our religious Meetings. When we consider
the duty of assembling ourselves together for
public worship to Almighty God in the light of a
public acknowledgement of our belief in him
and in the gracious revelation of his will through
his dear son our Lord what vital importance
does the performance of this duty assume. In a
feeling of gospel love and of our responsibility
to Him who hath called us to be a people and in
some measure as we humbly trust qualified us
through his mercy to labor for his cause let us
revive for the serious and solemn consideration
of our brethren in religious profession that awa-
kening language of our blessed Lord when in
that prepared Body Also I say unto you

whosoever shall confess me before men him shall the son of man confess before the angels of God but he that denieth me before men shall be denied before the angels of God. We are confirmed in the belief that as the loves of the things of time and the fleeting enjoyments of this world shall be lessened among us as the love of God shall take its place in our hearts we shall be more concerned faithfully to perform this important duty and in regularly assembling with our brethren for public worship and reverently waiting before him we shall graciously experience our strength in him to be renewed whereby we shall be enabled to withstand the assaults of temptation and our souls be refreshed with his life giving presence. Let us then we tenderly exhort be more and more alive to the great importance of this solemn and interesting duty.

And as the love of God increases and abounds among us love one unto another will also prevail. Bound together by the sacred ties of Gospel fellowship our brethren will become exceedingly near to our best feelings and that heavenly charity which suffereth long and is kind will become more and more our covering and O, that Friends every where were duly impressed with the necessity of preserving the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace and avoiding doubtful disputations and seeking not to be wise above that which is written humbly to believe in the all important truths of the ever blessed Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ that God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have everlasting life. that he came into the world as testified in the holy scriptures that he went about doing good and manifesting his divine power for the good of men that he died for our sins the just for the unjust that he might bring us unto God that He rose again for our justification and ever liveth to make intercession for us that he is God over all blessed for ever. These all important

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truths as we humbly seek to be established therein will
induced cement us together and enable us through faith
to bear unitedly our testimony to the mercy and goodness
of our Heavenly Father. Thus will true unity and reli-
gious fellowship be experienced.

And being thus established how exceedingly precious
will those testimonies which we are called upon to
bear become in our view. For being measurably redeemed
from the love of the world we shall be concerned to
seek the adorning of a meek and quiet spirit
which is in the sight of God of great price rather
than the vain ornaments of the world and be pres-
erved in the simplicity which becometh the Gospel
of Christ, the giving way to the temptation so abun-
dantly offered by the press in the present day to what
may termed light reading appropriately we have been
induced to believe has had its influence in producing
in many instances a deviation from the simplicity of
our profession not only in faith but practice - indis-
posing the mind for serious reflection giving it a dis-
relish for the perusal of more solid and useful works
and secretly but gradually undermining that firm
reliance upon superior aid which can alone sustain
the mind in the hour of trial and temptation and
rightly bear it up amid the many vicissitudes of
time. The practice of daily reading of the holy
Scriptures with our hearts turned unto him who can
alone rightly open them to our understanding and
apply them effectually to the heart has been feel-
ingly brought before us. And as we never antly
believe that these invaluable writings according
to their own testimony are able to make us wise
unto salvation through faith which is in Jesus Christ
how exceedingly important that we neglect not this
precious means which in the mercy of God has
been bestowed upon us for our reproof correction and
instruction in righteousness. And we are confirmed
in the belief that as parents and heads of families
objects of their care and with prayerful hearts for
the divine blessing upon their endeavors to read
to them a portion of the sacred volume allowing
a space for silent introversion of soul to God
a great blessing will be experienced.

126 The truths revealed in the scriptures will be increasingly interesting and precious in our view and in that of our children and dependants and the ever blessed cause of truth and righteousness be furthered and promoted we therefore recommend and tenderly exhort Friends to this practice and greatly desire their encouragement therein

And we earnestly desire that all in profession with us may be renewed & stirred up to more faithfulness and watchfulness in the cause of Christ remembering that the time is short and that we are enjoined to work while the day lasts for the night cometh wherein no man can work.

Signed on behalf of said Meeting

Abraham Shearman Jr

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends held on Rhoad-Island from the 10 to the 15th of 6th mo 1832.
The following Report of the Boarding School Committee was received and read, viz.

To the Yearly Meeting

The Boarding School Committee Report.

That they have during the past year superintended the Institution and have cause to believe that it has been conducted in good degree as contemplated by Friends in its establishment Meetings have been regularly kept up as here before. The average number of Scholars has been one hundred and sixty three

The School has been continued under the care of Enoch and Lydia Breed as Superintendants with the assistance of Stephen and Hannah Gould, Moses A. Cartland Pliny Earle Jr and Jonathan Stocum have been employed as teachers in the boys School, and Deborah Ramsdell Mary Griscom and Caroline Cartland in the Girls.

Moses B. Lockwood and Isabella Horton

have also been engaged as ^{messengers} assistants during a part 127
of the year. The accounts of the ^{messengers} School fund and of the
Superintendent have been received and audited.
The state of the fund is such that the Committee think
it safest to propose that each Monthly Meeting have
the privilege of sending one scholar six months free
of expense and that the price for scholars gener-
ally be continued the same as last year.

The Committee believe it best to propose for the consid-
eration of the yearly Meeting the recommending
to Friends to endeavor to send their children to the
School as nearly as may be at the following periods
viz. at the time of our yearly Meeting or in the
first week of the second, fifth, eighth and Eleventh
months, and they would further propose that children
should not be sent for a less time than six months
unless under peculiar circumstances the consent of
the subcommittee be obtained for a less term.

Since our last report the department of the School
for instruction in the languages and some of the higher
branches of science has been commenced under the care
of Samuel J. Sumner whose services have been perfor-
med acceptably to this Committee. The terms for the
admission of scholars who are members of our year-
ly Meeting into this department are one hundred
Dollars per annum exclusive of Books and station-
ary and no scholar is admitted for a less term
than one year nor until permission shall have
been granted for such admission by the subcommitt^{ee}.
In viewing the state of the School for the past
year the Committee have cause to acknowledge
with thankfulness that the Family and scholars
have been generally preserved in health.

Signed by appointment and on behalf of the
School Committee held at Providence 5th mo 4th 1832

By -- Moses Brown
Elizabeth Wing

128 The Report was referred to the consideration of a committee composed of Friends from each ~~monthly~~ Quarterly Meeting who at a subsequent sitting reported that they had carefully considered the propositions relative to a periodical admission of scholars and the requisition that children be sent to the school for a term not less than six months (unless under peculiar circumstances) and were united in the opinion that the adoption of these propositions will contribute to the advantage of the school and not injuriously effect the convenience of parents which being read and considered the foregoing Report of the Boarding School Committee was in conformity therewith accepted and the Clerk was directed to forward copies thereof to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

The subject of the school having again been reviewed the Clerk was directed to annex to the report of the Committee now to be sent down the following extracts from advices approved by this Meeting in 1825, viz.

The School Committee in the discharge of the important trust confided to them by the yearly Meeting have found it necessary from time to time to recur to the great object which the Yearly Meeting itself as well as the Friends who have contributed to the funds of the Institution have had in view in the establishment of the school and which they think cannot be better expressed than in the language which accompanied the bequest of one of its early Friends and most liberal benefactors that our children

and Youth may receive a religious guarded ¹²⁹
education free from the contaminating influence of the
vain fashionable world which leads young minds from
the simplicity of the truth and that meek and quiet
spirit exhibited by our blessed Lord and Saviour
Jesus Christ, whom we profess to follow.

It was in accordance with these views that the committee
were induced in the 2^d mo 1819 soon after the school
was in operation to forward the following minute
to the several Monthly Meetings. viz.

It has appeared necessary from experience derived
since the opening of the Institution that more
general Circumspection should be extended in send-
ing children to the school. And to present the
order necessary to carry the object of the yearly
Meeting into more complete effect it is recommen-
ded that each Monthly Meeting appoint a few
Suitable Friends to whom seasonable application
may be made by parents or guardians of children
who are desirous of placing them at the school
that the Friends so appointed consider it their duty
not only to enjoin that the children come in a
plain dress and in the use of the plain Scripture
language but that they are of good habits
and that they give a few lines to that import
for the information of the Superintendants
and Instructors at the school.

The Committee now feel it to be their duty to
recommmend to the Monthly Meetings a greater
extension of care to these objects and that the
appointment of each Committee be revised
by them to act in connection with the members
of this Committee if any who may reside within
the limits of each Monthly Meeting.
from the minutes of said Meeting

Abraham Sheermain for Clerk

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As hereas Samuel D. Allen hath had a right
of membership in our religious Society but dis-
regarding the pointings of truth hath much
involved himself has contracted and consummated
marriage with one not of our society has united
himself with the Militia and excepted an
office for which he has been laboured with
without making satisfaction we therefore dis-
own unity with him as a Member until by
repentance and amendment of life he shall
make satisfaction.

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held
at Richmond 11th Mo. 22. 1832 and signed by
its direction. -- By Elijah Harkness Clerk

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England
held on Rhode Island 6th Mo 1833.

The Annual report of the Boarding School Com-
mittee was laid before the Meeting and after a
free discussion of its contents the propositions there-
in submitted for consideration was agreed to
and the report accepted and the Clerk was directed
to forward copies thereof to our several Quarterly
and Monthly Meetings.

From the Minutes of
Said Meeting. Abraham Sherman Jr. Clerk

To the Yearly Meeting
To be held on Rhode Island in the Sixth Mo. Next
The Boarding School committee report, that they
have during the past year given attention to the var-
ious concerns of the Institution and that they have
been conducted in good degree to their satis-
faction

Meetings have been regularly kept up and harmony has been ~~kept up~~ preserved.

The average number of Scholars during the year has been one hundred and seventy two. The School is continued under the immediate care of Enoch and Lydia Board as Superintendants in which capacity, they are assisted by Stephen and Hannah Gould - Moses. Cartland & Mary Earle and Jonathan Storum are employed as Teachers in the Boys School; Deborah Ramsdell, Mary H. Griscom Caroline Cartland and Martha Barker in the Girls the latter of whom for six months rendered gratuitous service to the Institution - Samuel J. Sumner continues to have charge of the department for Languages &c.

It having long been believed by the Committee that the school might be improved and its advantages to the Children greatly enhanced by having some person employed to superintend its literary concerns who by his experience in the business of teaching and his acquirements would be qualified to render advice to the Teachers to examine the Scholars in their several studies and to extend an immediate supervisory care over every department of the School with this belief in the 12th month last our Friend John Griscom from New York was introduced into the Institution and the services he has rendered in the manner above specified and by lecturing on different Subjects have been satisfactory to us and we believe have tended in various ways to the essential improvement of the Scholars.

By settling the accounts it appears that at the present prices for board and tuition the income will not meet the expenditures of the School. The Committee after maturely weighing the Subject have concluded to propose to the Yearly Meeting that after the first of eighth month next members of society of this Yearly Meeting be received for fifteen Dollars per Quarter.

That those who are not members of Society but who have one or both parents members be received for twenty two and an half Dollars per quarter and should any who are not thus connected with Friends be received that the price be thirty Dollars per quarter that to those who are admitted into the school for languages &c. and that to members of other Yearly Meetings the price be continued as heretofore - and that the privilege of sending on Child Six months free of expence be extended to each Monthly Meeting as last year. Although by this arrangement the expence to parents who place their children in this Institution will be a little augmented still the Committee have confidence in believing that this will be ample remuneration in the increased advantages the School now presents for the improvements of the Scholars. -

In the seventh month last year in consequence of the appearance of Cholera in our Country and the effect it produced upon the minds of the Children by the approach of this fearful malady it was deemed most prudent under the advisement of the Meeting for Sufferings to vacate the School for a Season. It was not considered best to reassemble the Scholars until the tenth month when the school was then opened and those who had left generally returned. Although during the past year the visitations of sickness and death have been many in our Country and we have not wholly escaped yet we feel bound thankfully to commemorate the preservation that has been extended to us by him from whom are all our sure mercies.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Committee, by William Jenkins Clerk
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Providence 5th mo 3 1833

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A concern for the more guarded and religious education of the Children of Friends and for the establishment of Libraries of Friends Books in the several Monthly Meetings having been revived in this Meeting and claimed its consideration a lively interest was felt in regard to these subjects. The attention of Friends was earnestly directed to the concern of establishing in the several Monthly Meetings one or more Libraries of the Standard works of our society that Friends may at all times have access thereto to the end that the consistency truth and harmony of our Christian principles being known the minds of Friends may become more and more established in them and the unity of faith and doctrine which it so much becomes us to inculcate may more and more abound.

The provisions of our discipline with respect to education and Schools for the Children of Friends were recommended to be revived in our Subordinate Meetings and put in practice wherever Friends circumstances will allow.

And the Clerk was directed to forward copies of this Minute to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

It was recommended that all certificates of removal issued by our Monthly Meetings be signed by the Clerks of both the mens and womens Meeting And that the decision be entered in our Books of discipline — which the Clerk was directed to forward as above.

From the Minutes of the yearly Meeting

A. Shearman Jr. Clerk

134. At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New
England held on Rhode Island. Sixth Mo 1834

The annual Report of the Boarding School Committee
was received and read and being satisfactory to this
Meeting copies thereof were directed to be forwarded
to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.
During the consideration of the report a deep feeling
of interest for the best welfare of the Institution
was spread over the Meeting and while the bene-
fits that have already resulted from it to the children
and youth of the Society were freely acknowledged
an earnest solicitude was expressed that the Comm-
ittee in the discharge of the important and arduous trust
confided to them by the Yearly Meeting may be enc-
ouraged steadily to keep in view the great objects which
led to the establishment of the school as a means for
promoting the acquisition of useful learning in conn-
ection with moral and religious improvement of the
Children consistently with the principles and
testimonies which we as a Society believe ourselves
called upon to maintain.

The recommendation of the Committee relative to
plainness and simplicity of attire was cordially
united with the Committees of Monthly Meetings
were encouraged to extend an increasing care in this
respect and parents and others having the charge
of Children were impressively exhorted to lend their
assistance in promoting this desirable object.

From the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting
Abraham Shearman Jr. Clk

To the Yearly Meeting

The Boarding School Committee report that they
have endeavoured to discharge the services confided
to them by the Yearly Meeting during the past year
in attending to the various concerns of the Institution
which have been conducted to a good degree of
satisfaction. Meetings have been Rightly
continued and harmony ~~continued~~ has been
preserved. The average number of Scholars

has been one hundred and sixty eight ¹³⁵ of
whom have been pupils in the department of the
school for instruction in languages &c. The school
is continued under the immediate superintendence
of Enoch and Lydia Breed in which capacity they
are assisted by Stephen and Hannah Gould
John Griscom is still usefully employed to super-
intend the literary department of the Institution
Moses A. Cartland Phineas Earle and Jonathan
Hlocum are employed as Teachers in the Boys
school and Deborah Ramsdell Mary H. Griscom
Caroline Cartland, Martha Baker and Anna J.
Lockwood in the Girls. Samuel J. Gummere is
continued in charge of the department for lan-
guages &c.

The accounts of the Treasurer and superintendents
have been examined and settled and the commit-
tee propose that the terms of admission be continued
the same as last year and that the privilege of
sending one child six months free of expense be
continued to Monthly Meetings.

Friends are requested not to neglect the established
regulation of the school that the expense of each
quarter be paid in advance.

The Committee believe it proper again to recommend
to Friends in sending their children to the school
to observe as much as may be the periods of time
proposed two years since viz. at the time of our
yearly Meeting or in the first week of the second
fifth eighth and eleventh Months.

The importance of maintaining plainness of dress
in the inmates of this Institution has often claim-
ed the serious attention of the Committee and we
think it right at this time to revive with Friends
the necessity of having their children habited in
plain attire and that no articles of apparel
unsuitable through want of plainness be brought
by them to the school. and that the committees
of Monthly Meetings may be enabled to render
the necessary advice and assistance Friends are
requested to be careful to make application to them
for certificates in sufficient season to afford them
this opportunity.

136 In reviewing the state of the school for the past year we feel bound gratefully to acknowledge that the family have ^{& scholars} been preserved in health and that the Institution continues to afford encouraging evidence of its usefulness to the youth of our society.

Signed on behalf of the school committee at a Meeting held 2 of 5th month. 1834

William Jenkins, Clerk

To Richmond Monthly Meeting of Friends
Dear Friends:

Simon Brewer and Eunice his wife with their children Emma Elizabeth James Rebecca Martha Mary and Charles having removed as we are informed to reside within the limits of your Meeting we certify that they are members of our society were frequent in the attendance of Meetings and have settled their outward affairs to satisfaction we recommend them to your Christian care and over sight and remain your Friends

Signed by direction and on behalf of
Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends
held at Smithfield 10 Mo 29th 1834

John Furman
Hannah Gould } Clerks

81 Whereas Amary Willson hath had a right 137
of membership in our religious society but by listening
to the deceiver has violated our wholesome rules
in absconding from here in the manner he did
leaving his affairs in an unsettled state we
waited several years that he might return
and settle just demands against him with-
out having our desires gratified still contin-
ues his absence and neglect and by inform-
ation on which we can rely has married out
of our society and feeling clear of further
labour we disown unity with him as a me-
mber untill he return and make satisfac-
tion

Signed in and by direction of Richmond
Monthly Meeting held by adjournment
3rd Mo 26, 1835 By Elijah Harkness &c

Whereas Nathaniel Cook has had
a right of membership in our religi-
ous society yet violating our
wholesome Rules in contracting &
consummating marriage with one
not of our society being he boreed
with neglects making satisfaction
Therefore this meeting disowns
unity with him as a member
Signed in & by resolution of
Richmond Monthly Meeting held
18th of 2nd Mo 1836
By Elijah Harkness &c

From our Monthly Meeting Held at Richmond
21 of 12th mo 1837 whereas Stephen Balls
Benjamin Balls and Elisha Balles have all
had a right of Membership in our Society But
they have chosen their own ways contrary to the
good order long practiced amongst us they have
long neglected to attend our Meetings and have
attended and taken part in Millitary Training,
which we bear Testimony against for which we
have disowned unity with them as Members;
Signed in and by order of Said Meeting
by Elijah Harkness Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting held at Richmond 19th of
9th month 1844
Whereas Obed. Harkness hath had a right of
Membership amongst us but he having lived such a
life as to render him unworthy of the True Christian
name and much to the disgrace of our Society he
has for a number of years in time past Burthened
our Meeting with an unsavory Testimony and has
for a number of months forsaken our Meetings and
separated himself from us he has been laboring with
for his good without effect for which this Meeting
has disowned unity with him as a member.
Signed in behalf of said meeting By

Elijah Harkness Clerk

To Uxbridge Monthly Meeting of Friends
Dear Friends
Abaz Bassett having removed to Worcester
within the limits of your Meeting stating this mooy
certify on his behalf that he is a member of this Meeting
of a goodly life & conversation & having settled his
outward affairs here to our satisfaction, we therefore
recommend him to your Meeting for your Christian
Care & Oversight;
Signed in & on behalf of Richmond Monthly Meeting
of Friends held the 20th of the 5th month 1847 by
Samuel Dutton & Ruth Randall Clerks.



